

# 2010 Innovative Solutions Award

Bright Ideas, Bold Results



## Call for Entries



Why participate? To be recognized for the innovative work occurring in your hospital every day!

The Greater Cincinnati Health Council (GCHC) and American Society for Quality are pleased to present to our health provider members the fifth annual **Innovative Solutions Award**. This award recognizes the most innovative process improvement, patient care initiative or creative change project. **For 2010, the Health Council has aligned its annual Innovative Solutions Award with the American Society for Quality (ASQ)**. ASQ is the world's leading membership organization devoted to quality, including health care. ASQ members represent communities that seeks quality concepts, technology and tools to improve themselves and the world.

In addition, the Health Council has also created a new award category specifically for Health Council affiliate members. Health Council affiliate members include long-term care facilities, home health agencies, physician groups and other non-hospital health care providers in Greater Cincinnati.

Visit the Health Council's website at [www.gchc.org](http://www.gchc.org) for more information about the above criteria.

### Submission Process:

- Go to [www.gchc.org](http://www.gchc.org) to download the application (to access, click the Solutions Award link on the Health Council's home page).
- Submit application to your member hospital's Solutions Award point person or department (refer to Health Council website to find this information) by January 15, 2010.
- From among the applications, your CEO will choose up to two applications to submit to the Health Council by January 22, 2010 on behalf of your hospital.

*Applications may be published on the Health Council's website. For this reason, please note when confidential information is contained within your entry.*

### Evaluation Criteria:

- Identify project selection, purpose and improvement opportunities
- Describe methods for developing the project's solution and integrating full team member involvement
- Results and goal attainment
- Sustainability of innovation in current setting
- Applicability of project/process to other health care settings

### All Nominees:

- Acknowledged at Solutions 2010, on Council website and in Health Council's member newsletter, *Digest*
- Receive a complimentary invitation for two to attend the conference on March 11, 2010 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center

### All Winners:

- Presented with the 2010 Innovative Solutions Award at Solutions 2010.
- Invited to attend the ASQ Dinner Meeting on April 20, 2010 and provide a brief presentation on their project. Dr. Joe Fortuna, Co-Chair of the ASQ Healthcare Division, will provide a Key Note Presentation with insights on health care reform, waste reduction, incentive alignment, information technology implementation, creating a sustainable culture of change and workforce education preparation.

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