



Carl J. Montante Chairman's Award

Applicant Information Packet

2012 Award Focus: Quality & Patient Safety

Application deadline is November 30, 2011.
Award selections will be announced December 2011.

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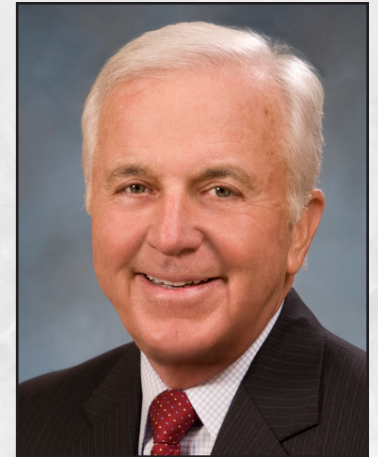
 **Catholic Health**



CARL J. MONTANTE CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

AWARD DESCRIPTION:

Mr. Carl J. Montante is recognized for his dedication and service, and in particular his guidance, in leading Catholic Health to focus on the critical issues of patient safety, quality of care and patient satisfaction. Due to Mr. Montante's commitment to improving patient care throughout Catholic Health's ministries, quality of care, patient safety and patient satisfaction are top priorities for all Catholic Health directors, leaders and associates.



Mr. Montante began serving as a member of the Catholic Health Board of Directors on December 16, 1999. Since May 2006 when Mr. Montante assumed responsibilities as Chair of the Catholic Health Board of Directors, the Board has underscored the importance of quality of care and patient safety at every Board meeting. Safety initiatives to reduce serious adverse events were initiated during Mr. Montante's tenure. The prominence of quality and patient safety for Catholic Health governance has positively affected patient satisfaction throughout Catholic Health.

In honor of Carl J. Montante, former Chair of Catholic Health Board of Directors, an award is given annually to a Catholic Health associate or affiliated clinician/physician whose purpose is to improve the quality of care and patient safety outcomes of our patients.

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AWARD BENEFITS:

- Development of an extensive knowledge base in quality and patient safety initiatives and outcomes in Catholic Health, including personal leadership skill-building.
- Provision of resources to implement your quality and patient safety strategy and agenda.
- Collaboration with senior leadership in quality and patient safety initiatives.
- An internally approved program or personal participation in a funded continuing education opportunity focused on Quality and Patient Safety.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS/CRITERIA:

- Must be a Catholic Health associate or affiliated clinician/physician.
- Must have prior training and experience and/or demonstrated interest in working to develop and implement patient safety initiatives, including submission of a proposed Capstone Project outlining the details of the project and anticipated improvement outcomes.
- Must have a written letter of support from your supervisor, which authorizes release time for commitment and participation in ongoing quality and patient safety initiatives.





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HOW TO APPLY:

- Complete the applicant information and submit it with your:
 - Resumé or Curriculum Vitae
 - Responses to Essay Questions #1, #2 and #3 questions
 - Capstone Learning Project Proposal
 - Letter of support from your supervisor
 - References

- All materials must be emailed by November 30, 2011 to:
Michele Williams, CHS Quality & Patient Safety Department
(716) 923-2940 • mwillia@chsbuffalo.org

ESSAY QUESTIONS:

- Essay #1:
Please describe what you believe will be the impact on quality and patient safety as a result of the Affordable Care Act/Health Reform Legislation.

- Essay #2:
What do you consider to be your most significant contribution to improving patient safety?

- Essay #3:
In qualitative and quantitative terms, describe the impact of your project/fellowship on Catholic Health patients/residents.

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CAPSTONE LEARNING PROJECT PROPOSAL:

Along with your application, please submit a full proposal (no longer than 4 pages) detailing elements of your project. It is understood that proposals are works in progress, but should include realistic and actionable objectives to be completed by the end of the award year (December 31, 2012).

Please include the framework below when developing your proposal:

- Project title/location.
- Statement of project objectives.
- How will your project advance patient safety and improve health outcomes?
What is/are your improvement goal(s)?
- How will you measure and analyze results?
- How will implementation of your project contribute to the achievement of Catholic Health's goal of being a High Performing Health System?





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Full Name: _____

Title/Current Position: _____

Facility/Site: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Office Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

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LETTER OF ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT:

You are required to submit a one-page letter from your supervisor/executive sponsor from your organization/facility indicating organizational support and commitment (time and resources), and for your participation in the Carl J. Montante Chairman's Award for Quality and Patient Safety.

LETTER OF REFERENCE GUIDELINES:

All applicants are required to submit two professional references with their application. Each of these letters must include the following:

- Applicant's name.
- Reference name, title, organization, address, phone and fax.
- Reference signature and date.

Letters of reference should address the following questions:

- In what capacity do you know the applicant?
- How long have you known the applicant?
- Do you believe this individual has the potential to be a change agent for patient safety? Why? Please elaborate on your support of the candidate and provide examples, if possible.





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As the 2011 recipient of the Carl J. Montante Chairman's Award, I have had the ability to work with many different people I normally would not have had the opportunity to work with. I have also been able to participate in various new meetings that have given me a greater awareness about the committee structure and how Catholic Health works.



It has been very rewarding to work on my project to improve patient safety across the system over the last year. This award has allowed me to pursue continuing education which has been, and will continue to be, of great value for the rest of my career.

- *Laura Verbanic*
Director, Quality & Patient Safety
Kenmore Mercy Hospital

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