

The Leapfrog Conference on the Future of Hospital Governance: Quality at the Leading Edge

**Announcement of The Leapfrog Governance for Quality Award:
*Sponsored by The Leapfrog Group and Arrowsight, Inc.***

This award will be granted to a hospital or health system whose Board has most successfully mobilized the organization to improve the quality of patient care.

All submissions are held in confidence.

Leapfrog will constitute an award committee from experts in the field. Committee members will not be affiliated with organizations applying for awards. The decision of the award committee is final.

Applications are due by December 15, 2007. Winners will be announced on January 7, 2008. The award will be presented at the Conference.

Applications will be scored on six criteria, with a maximum score of 100 points.

Applications should be limited to five typed pages plus appended supporting materials as necessary.

Criteria:

1. The Board receives regular education about health care quality issues.
2. The Board is structured to emphasize quality.
3. The Board spends significant time at each of its meetings attending to quality.
4. Executive review and compensation are tied to specific quality metrics.
5. The organization can demonstrate improvements in quality and outcomes over the last 3 years.
6. Focus on quality is evidenced in the Board's approach to finance—both in terms of capital allocation and operating priorities.

For questions regarding award applications, please contact Chad Brown at (202) 292-6706 or cbrown@leapfroggroup.org.

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Application: The Leapfrog Governance for Quality Award

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Name and address of institution	
If a subsidiary of a larger System, the name and address of the System	
CEO	
Board Chair	
Contact person (and contact information)	

1. Describe the education related to quality and safety that the Board has received within the last 18 months, including time involved, faculty, percentage of Board participation, formal evaluation of sessions, and changes in Board activity as a result of that education. **(20 points)**
2. In what way is the Board structured to emphasize quality? Include the formal charters of relevant committees, sample Board reports, descriptions of Board seats dedicated to individuals with a background in quality science or individuals with uniquely relevant credentials even if not in dedicated seats, names, titles, and qualifications of staff responsible to support the Board's work on quality. Describe how committee work on quality is delivered to and processed by the Board as a whole. **(15 points)**
3. How does the Board's time allocation emphasize quality? Submit agendas for the last year's Board meetings, including schedules of relevant Board committee meetings and special sessions. **(15 points)**

4. Describe the formula used to set CEO compensation—base as well as bonus. What explicit quality-related criteria are used? Demonstrate a correlation over the past several years between CEO compensation and the institution’s performance on quantitative quality and safety data. **(10 points)**
5. Demonstrate improvement in quality and safety over the previous 3 years by reference to quality data the institution has reported publicly and the programs or initiatives responsible for these improvements. If possible, demonstrate linkages between discussions, resolutions, and commitments made in the boardroom, subsequent changes in practice, and ultimate improvements in quality metrics. **(20 points)**
6. Describe your budgeting and capital allocation processes, and the role that discussions of quality and safety have had in these processes. Describe how budgets changed to reflect investments in quality and safety. If possible, provide documentation that analyses of consequences relative to quality and safety were explicitly considered as capital allocations were made. **(20 points)**

Application Submission – Applications are due by December 15, 2007.

Submit applications for the Leapfrog Governance for Quality Award to:

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