



AHRQ Hospital Product Line Initiative Overview

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) offers a wide range of tools and resources designed to help hospitals assess and improve health care quality, patient safety, and emergency preparedness. AHRQ is offering technical assistance to help hospitals implement and get the maximum benefit from these resources. Any hospital may request assistance, but due to time and resource constraints, the program will be open to a limited number of hospitals committed to using the assistance to improve patient care.

About the Initiative

As the lead Federal agency for promoting the quality, safety, and efficiency of health care for all Americans, AHRQ has developed products and resources to help hospitals:

- Assess the extent to which their culture and practices promote patient safety and quality of care.
- Improve communication and teamwork.
- Strengthen clinical practices.
- Assess and improve emergency preparedness.

The focus of this initiative is helping hospitals to implement one or more of these products to improve care. Specific examples of the types of technical assistance being offered include:

- Collecting and interpreting results from assessments conducted to identify areas of weakness and assisting efforts to address them.
- Compiling data on hospitals' performance collected through AHRQ's instruments and reporting mechanisms to determine how they relate to each other and what overall lessons can be drawn from reviewing the data collectively.
- Assisting hospitals in improving patient care through improved teamwork tools and other strategies.

Technical assistance will be tailored to the needs of each hospital to ensure that it is fully aligned with their current needs and priorities.

How to Request Assistance

If your hospital is interested in receiving technical assistance, please contact Sarah Stout at sarah.stout@lewin.com or 703-269-5703 for more information.