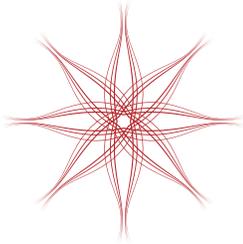


# Are your innovative efforts in quality and safety improving patients' lives?



**It's time to get recognized – Applications for 2019 Eisenberg Awards will begin to be accepted Aug. 19, 2019!**

The 2019 John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Awards trumpet the accomplishments of those individuals and organizations who have made significant and long-lasting contributions to improving patient safety and health care quality.



## **The man behind the legacy**

The Eisenberg Awards, which were established in 2002 by The Joint Commission and the National Quality Forum (NQF), is an annual celebration named after former Agency for Healthcare Research and

Quality (AHRQ) Administrator John M. Eisenberg. A highly respected leader in health care quality, Dr. Eisenberg dedicated his life to ensuring care was based on a strong foundation of research and considered the patient's needs and perspectives.

“Dr. Eisenberg constantly saw where we fell short, and instead of retreating or simply documenting the problem, he tried to engage others in solving it.”

—**Dr. Gregg S. Meyer, MD, MSc, CPPS,**  
*Partners HealthCare*  
*2018 Eisenberg Award Panel Chair*

“The Eisenberg Awards are an annual reminder that we, as a nation, cannot take health care quality and safety for granted, and significant work remains to improve the care experienced by every person in communities across the country.”

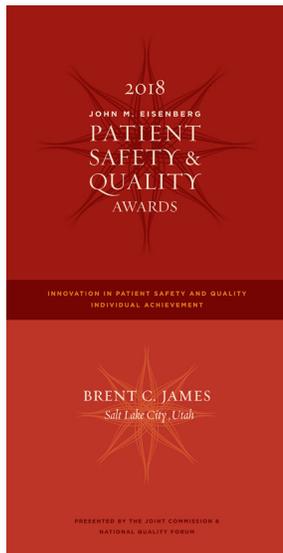
—**Dr. Shantanu Agrawal**  
*president and chief executive officer*  
*National Quality Forum*

“The John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Awards were established in memory of a man who was not only an impassioned advocate for health care quality improvement but also who played an integral role in building the National Quality Forum into what it is today. These annual awards honor and further John's enduring contributions and leadership to the health care field.”

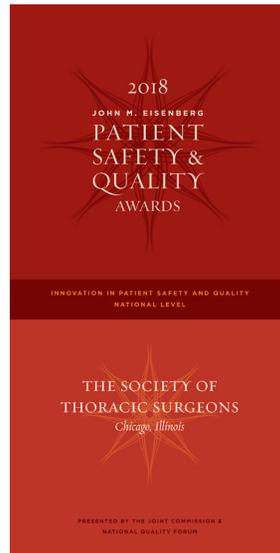
— **Dr. David Baker, MD, MPH, FACP,**  
*executive vice president*  
*Division of Health Care Quality Evaluation*  
*The Joint Commission*

## The Winners

The 2018 winners of the Eisenberg Awards were people and organizations whose passionate and extraordinary work made great strides in the effort toward improving health care for each and every patient. They were:



**Brent C. James, MD** —  
Individual Achievement



**The Society of Thoracic Surgeons** — Innovation in Patient Safety and Quality at the National Level



**BJC HealthCare** — Innovation in Patient Safety and Quality at the Local Level

## Share your story!

The Eisenberg Awards represent the best of the health care industry — organizations from all over the country working toward making sure every patient, every time, everywhere gets the quality of care and safety they deserve.

**Step out in front! Share your successes with others! Take the lead!**

Applications for the 2019 Eisenberg Awards will be **accepted from Aug. 19-Oct. 1** and will be available on The Joint Commission and NQF websites.

**The 2019 Eisenberg Awards will be presented during NQF's annual conference.**

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