

Workplace safety is integral for rural hospitals

Join the Safety Champions Proposal: A worker-led quality improvement program



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What can this safety champion study offer?

- Access to nationally recognized Occupational Health experts
- Professional development opportunities for leaders
- Safety assessment and effective quality improvement
- Worker-patient integration and safe patient handling

Why safety champions?

Health care organizations often silo safety for patients and workers, leaving information and solutions unshared. -The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

"Champions are key component of quality improvement" -American Nurse Association (ANA), Agency for Health Research and Quality (ARHQ) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

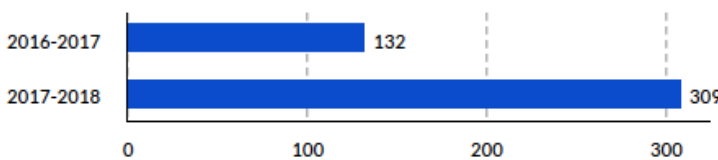
Our research team is committed to helping critical access hospitals implement continuous quality improvement (QI) initiatives by identifying peer-recognized leaders and offering professional development opportunities that integrate worker safety, patient safety and an organization's bottom-line.



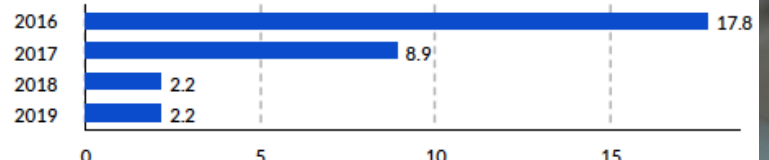
Pilot Results

Safety Champions program improved safety reporting and reduced worker injury after implementation.

Safety Reporting Entries (Good Catch)



Patient Assist Annual Injury Rate*



*Injury rate per 100 full-time equivalent (FTE) based on the cumulative number of patient-assist injuries recorded per calendar year.

"I endorse the Safety Champions Program by Dr. David Hurtado. His program reduced annual rates of worker injury despite higher patient case loads." - Ali Young, R.N., Employee Health and Safety, Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital