



Patient Safety Award

## LAMMICO Patient Safety Award & Grant Application for Ambulatory Surgery Centers

**2022-23 TOPIC: Hands: The Connection to Infection**

APPLICATION DUE DATE: MAY 31, 2023

### Award Description

The application period for this award begins August 22, 2022, and ends May 31, 2023. Entries must be received by midnight of the posted application due date. Promotion is subject to local, state and federal laws, and is void where prohibited. Application submission implies acceptance of and agreement with award rules and conditions.

### Background Information

Hand hygiene is one of the most effective ways to prevent the transmission of microorganisms on the hands of healthcare personnel. Proper hand hygiene removes those microbes and prevents exposure to patients during care delivery. Healthcare personnel must be familiar with hand hygiene recommendations and consistently adhere to them.

LAMMICO's learning management system includes an educational activity, "Hands: the Connection to Infection," offered free of charge to Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee ambulatory surgery centers. This program discusses the importance of hand hygiene in the healthcare setting. Information is also presented that will enable the learner to select the proper hand hygiene techniques in various clinical settings.

To access the learner activity, please use the following link:

<https://medicalinteractive.com/courses/50748>

### Award Entry

No purchase is necessary to apply for the grant or to win. Ambulatory surgery center applicants will enter by submitting this application. After the ambulatory surgery center staff complete the educational activity, assess and analyze your current hand hygiene compliance rates to determine a baseline measurement.

Review your current policies, procedures, protocols and/or processes to identify opportunities for improvement to increase hand hygiene compliance rates and improve patient safety. Assess hand hygiene compliance rates before implementation of any changes. After implementation of changes, assess and analyze your hand hygiene compliance rates. Report your changes and impact. To participate in the 2022-23 LAMMICO Patient Safety Award and Grant program, applicants are required to submit hard copy (print) or digital (electronic) examples of changes and improvements made to their current policy, procedure, protocol, and/or process and the amount of improvement that was realized in your hand hygiene compliance rates (rates may be for the entire surgery center or a particular unit).

Since hand hygiene is a significant factor in infection prevention, monitor the surgical site infection rates of your facility during the same pre- and post-implementation periods for any improvement that might be related to hand hygiene.

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## Eligibility

The award is open to ambulatory surgery centers and hospitals in Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee. Applicants are not required to be underwritten by LAMMICO to participate. Learn more about this year's program at [lammico.com/grant](http://lammico.com/grant).

## Selection

To further enhance your efforts toward patient safety, LAMMICO sponsors this Award and Grant for the ambulatory surgery center that demonstrates the best improvements (in policies, procedures, protocols and/or processes) related to improvement in hand hygiene compliance rates, or the hospital that demonstrates the best improvements related to a reduction in CLABSI, as determined by a committee of LAMMICO Risk Management professionals. All judging decisions are final.

## Prizes

The ambulatory surgery center that demonstrates the best improvement in hand hygiene compliance rates or the hospital that demonstrates the best improvements related to a reduction in CLABSI will be awarded:

- A **\$10,000** grant to the **winner** to be used for nursing professional development
  - One-year risk manager membership to the American Society for Health Care Risk Management (ASHRM)
  - One-year complimentary membership to Medical Interactive Community for all employees to access our risk management CME/CNE/MOC courses online
- A **\$5,000** grant to the **second place** participant to be used for nursing professional development
  - One-year risk manager membership to the American Society for Health Care Risk Management (ASHRM)
  - One-year complimentary membership to Medical Interactive Community for all employees to access our risk management CME/CNE/MOC courses online

## Winner Notification

Winners will be notified within 15 days after determination date. Employees of LAMMICO will communicate directly with winning facility representatives to coordinate prize distribution, announcements and celebration logistics.

## General Conditions

Contestants hereby grant LAMMICO a non-exclusive, perpetual, worldwide license to broadcast, publish, store, reproduce, distribute, syndicate, and otherwise use and exhibit the Submission (along with submitted names, motivational communication samples, voices, performance, images, and/or likenesses obtained as a result of this Submission) in all media for the purposes of trade or advertising without further compensation. The official rules are subject to modification by LAMMICO. In the event of a dispute, all decisions made by LAMMICO are binding and final.

## Contact Information

Please contact LAMMICO's Hospital Risk Management Specialist, Lynne Vega, BSN, RN, CNOR (E) at [lvega@lammico.com](mailto:lvega@lammico.com) or 504.841.2738 for additional inquiries and to submit your application.

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<b>Name of Organization</b>		
<b>Address of Organization</b>		
<b>Name of CEO</b>		
<b>Name &amp; phone of CNO</b>		<b>Phone:</b>
<b>Name of Medical Director</b>		
<b>Name of Risk Manager</b>		
<b># of Beds</b> _____	<b>Average Daily Census</b> _____	

1. Did staff complete the learning activity <i>Hands: the Connection to Infection?</i> Yes or No (please circle). If yes, please provide the number of nurses and physicians who completed the activities.	RNs _____ LPNs _____ MDs _____
2. Describe the hand hygiene policy, procedure, protocol and/or process changes implemented after viewing the educational activity.	Please Circle Yes    No
3. Calculate compliance with hand hygiene 1-3 consecutive months prior to and post implementation of strategies/changes in policy, etc. and submit the percentage of improvement that was realized.	% Hand Hygiene Rate Improvement
4. During the process (pre and post implementation), also monitor surgical site infection (SSI) rates. Report any changes if noted.	% SSI Rate Improvement
5. Submit this signed attestation statement.	

**I attest that the information provided above is correct and I have attached a copy of our Implemented strategies, policy changes, etc.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title** \_\_\_\_\_