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2024 Innovation Award Winner Named

The AIAMC Board of Directors recently announced **Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital** as the winner of the 2024 AIAMC Innovation Award.



They will be recognized with this esteemed honor at our awards dinner in Tucson on Friday, April 5th. *Widening the QI Team: Riding on Huddle-Back 2.0* was submitted by **Victor Kolade, MD**, Internal Medicine Clerkship Director, and **John Pamula, MD**, Vice Chair for Quality, Department of Medicine.

Drs. Kolade and Pamula stated in their application, “Our health system is ‘hard-wired’ to pursue several ambulatory quality metrics systemwide every academic year. This is included in the current strategic plan (2023-27) and will likely continue beyond that. Our system also expects daily office huddles to include provider and non-provider staff.” Huddles occur at 8:40 am and include the office director, care coordinator, providers, residents, nurses, patient service specialists and nurse practitioner/physician assistant/medical students. Team members review schedules, anticipated patient needs, and environmental and supplies opportunities – while quality data is displayed on the huddle board applying a two-star rating system; each provider gets one star for a metric based on meeting or exceeding the assigned goal and gets another star while ranked top 10 system-wide. In June 2021, patient service specialists were asked to participate in diabetes outreach calls to patients; this function had previously been assigned to nurses/clinical assistants. Within one week, the diabetes bundle completion score rose by 4.4% and exceeded the July 2020 baseline by one point, mitigating prior score erosion by an October 2020 wave of COVID-19. The responsibility for telephonic diabetes outreach was subsequently transferred to one patient service specialist (PSS). This change resulted in the diabetes bundle completion rate rising to 68.1% by July 1, 2022 – placing non-resident providers 4th among 25 primary care groups system-wide. This huddle process has supported excellence in other quality metrics. Non-resident providers rank first system-wide in colorectal cancer screening and pneumonia vaccination as of 11/22/23, seventh in depression screening, and fifth in Medicare wellness visit completion (a new metric for 2023-24). At the same time, residents rank fifth system-wide in depression screening. Congratulations, **Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital!**



The AIAMC Innovation Award is presented on an annual basis to our institutional member who best exemplifies creative and innovative approaches to medical education and research in the following categories:

- *The development and/or implementation of innovative medical education programs for residents, physicians and other staff and may include curriculum development and implementation, assessment methodologies, and/or outcomes related to medical education initiatives.*
- *Innovation significant themes such as provider well-being, quality improvement, population health, health disparities and/or cultural competency initiatives involving residents, physicians and other staff and related outcomes.*
- *The development and/or application of scientific discoveries. Areas of research may include education, health care improvement, biomedical research and/or translational research.*

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Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital has been a member of the AIAMC since 2005 and has participated in National Initiatives II, III, V, VI, VII, VIII, and IX. Dr. Kolade is a member of the AIAMC Board of Directors and Programming Committee, and Dr. Pamula serves on CIAQ (Committee on the Integration of Academics and Quality) for National Initiative IX. To learn more about Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital, visit <https://www.guthrie.org/locations/guthrie-robert-packer-hospital>

National Initiative News

National Initiative IX teams have been busy since the first in-person meeting in October. Team leaders have completed milestone reports as well as two, final toolkits regarding project mission and vision and final team roster. Later this month, a didactic webinar entitled *Research and Quality Improvement: Methodologies, Data Analysis, and Applications* will be presented by **Jill Stolfus, PhD**. Dr. Stolfus is the Senior Network Director of GME Data Measurement and Outcomes Assessment at **St. Luke's University Health Network** and a team leader for NI IX. The learning objectives are as follows:

- ◆ Compare key terms and concepts in quantitative research studies versus quality improvement projects.
- ◆ Review data analysis tools and techniques in quantitative research studies versus quality improvement projects
- ◆ Discuss how to conduct a quantitative research study versus improvement project using a clinical example.
- ◆ Contrast qualitative and quantitative research using an SDoH case study example.

Teams are looking forward to National Initiative IX Meeting Two, which will be held April 5th and 6th at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson. At this meeting, storyboards will be on display for each of the 28 projects addressing the social and moral determinants of health. Meeting attendees will spend the afternoon of April 5th in cohort groups and present their progress to date. On Saturday morning, April 6th, National Initiative participants will join the Annual Meeting educational sessions and poster displays. To register for National Initiative IX Meeting Two, please visit <https://aiamc.org/event/53>.



Loews Ventana Canyon Resort

2024 Annual Meeting

[On-line registrations](#) for the AIAMC 2024 Annual Meeting are now being accepted. Our meeting will be held April 4th - 6th at the beautiful Loews Ventana Canyon Resort. The meeting theme of ***The Power of Community: Creating a Canopy, Strengthening our Roots*** will be delivered by outstanding, nationally-recognized speakers in an atmosphere of networking and dialogue you won't find at any other national meeting. Key topics will include community, advocacy, and the social and moral determinants of health. **Atul Grover, MD, PhD, Executive Director, AAMC Research and Action Institute**, will provide the keynote address focusing on his unique insights regarding actions inside the beltway and their implications for teaching hospitals and medical schools. Dr. Grover is the inaugural executive director of the Association of American Medical Colleges' Research and Action Institute. The institute convenes national experts to examine the most critical issues affecting the missions and institutions of academic medicine; develop policy and programmatic solutions; and harness member medical schools, teaching hospitals and academic health systems, and academic societies to test, validate, and scale effective change. Breakout sessions presented by AIAMC members will be held on Friday and Saturday, and the annual awards dinner will be held Friday evening. You won't want to miss being in-person with AIAMC colleagues in this most special setting! To learn more about the meeting and to register, visit <https://aiamc.org/event/45>



Atul Grover, MD, PhD



Saturday Morning Plenary 2023 in Nashville



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Look for our booth during the AIAMC Annual Meeting from April 4 to April 6, 2024 and/or contact Scott J. Geboy, J.D. at sgeboy@hallrender.com or 414.721.0451 with any questions.



Call for 2024 Partners

2024 Partner Packets were released in early August and may be downloaded here: [2024 Partner Packet](#) We rely on vendor support and need your help: think about the vendors you use that help your medical education enterprise be more successful.....might these companies be a good fit for the AIAMC Partners Program? **AIAMC members who refer a new vendor to us that results in a partner contract will receive a FREE 2024 Annual Meeting registration: a savings of \$890!** Contact Kimberly Pierce Burke at kimberly@aiamc.org for more information.

Partnership Program



The AIAMC Partners Program is designed to cultivate a meaningful relationship between our members and the companies that sponsor AIAMC educational outreach programs. Partner support is critical to our ongoing ability to develop and present substantive programs with knowledgeable faculty in central and appealing locations.

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If you would like to be a vendor partner with AIAMC, contact Kimberly Pierce Burke, Executive Director, by e-mailing kimberly@aiamc.org.

2024 Vendor Partners Announced

The AIAMC Partners Program is designed to cultivate a meaningful relationship between our members and the companies who so generously sponsor our educational outreach programs. You will have the opportunity to meet key representatives from these companies at our Annual Meeting April 4th through 6th in Tucson. If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, additional information will be available throughout the year via our *Alliance Update* newsletter and website. The Alliance recognizes and appreciates the importance of developing and maintaining positive relationships with these organizations. Their support is critical to our ongoing ability to develop and present substantive programs with knowledgeable faculty in central and appealing locations. Vendor partners secured as of January 10, 2024 are as follows:

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To serve as a learning organization of independent academic medical centers through the application of innovative education and scholarship that drives exceptional patient care.

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