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A BI-WEEKLY LOOK AT THE BUSINESS & POLITICS OF HEALTH CARE IN NEW JERSEY



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Recognizing 293 Garden State Leaders in Hospital Safety and Quality

We held our annual [Leapfrog](#) Quality Briefing last week. In advance of the event, we asked every hospital CEO or senior quality officer to identify their quality and safety team members so we could recognize and celebrate them. The [293 hospital professionals](#) we honored have been working throughout the pandemic, have modified protocols as needed, and have still remained focused on improving patient safety and quality. We are awed by them and grateful for their commitment.

The virtual gathering was a celebration of their work and also provided a safe space to share both successes and challenges in the efforts to advance quality. Over 230 hospital quality and safety team members and other hospital leadership joined us for the virtual gathering.

We shared best practices and provided an update from Leapfrog on changes in the 2022 Leapfrog Hospital and ASC Safety Survey. We focused on two main topics from the Survey, hand hygiene and health equity. Indeed, unclean hands are one of the primary ways that pathogens spread throughout a health care environment. Those caring for patients must properly clean their hands. Moreover, there is no health care quality without equity. Equitable treatment is a critical component of a high quality, safe health care environment...

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**DANA GELB SAFRAN,
SCM & SCD**

**PRESIDENT & CEO OF THE
NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM (NQF)**

TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

Dana Gelb Safran, ScM and ScD, is President and CEO of the [National Quality Forum \(NQF\)](#). NQF serves as the steward of the nation's portfolio of quality measures, and, in this role, is responsible for convening and leading consensus processes to evaluate health care quality measures to determine their scientific and clinical merits for endorsement and use.

NQF also advises the [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#) on measures recommended for use in its programs. Quality Institute leadership and members have served on NQF committees for 17 years, contribute to its work, and regularly use NQF-endorsed measures.

Interview Sneak Peek: [Dr. Safran](#), can you tell us what most excites you about becoming the next President and CEO of National Quality Forum?

There has never been a more important time for performance measurement in health care than now. Value-based payment, of course, demands measurement at its core. In many ways, available measure sets today trace their roots to fee-for-service payment — and value-based payment demands a different kind of performance measurement that is more outcome-oriented. So that really compels important new work in the quality measurement field.

NQF's core work over the past 20 years has been as the steward of our nation's portfolio of quality measures. And that continues to be a very important function. But there are what I've called upstream and downstream pieces of that work that I'm very excited about, for example, the role of measurement in advancing health equity...

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**PRIMARY CARE AS A
COMMON GOOD:**
PART 2 OF OUR VIRTUAL SERIES

**THE CASE FOR INCREASING OUR
INVESTMENT IN HIGH QUALITY
PRIMARY CARE**

Wednesday, February 23, 2022
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Join us on Wednesday, February 23, for the second installment of our virtual *Primary Care as a Common Good* series focused on how states are choosing to invest in primary care to create a healthier and more equitable health care system. You'll hear from our keynote, [Chris Koller, President of the Milbank Memorial Fund](#), one of the authors of the National Academy of Sciences Engineering Medicine report, "[Implementing High Quality Primary Care](#)." You'll also hear from two panels of experts familiar with states already measuring, reporting, and setting targets to increase investment in primary care and how that may be accomplished through primary care payment transformation.

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OUR SPEAKERS



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