



NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE QUALITY INSTITUTE

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



PRESIDENT & CEO, LINDA SCHWIMMER **It's Time for ASCs To Publicly Report on Patient Safety**

The 2024 Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Survey opens April 1. This free, annual survey assesses the safety and quality of ASCs based on national, evidence-based [measures](#) that are aligned with other organizations (including CMS and national accreditation agencies). Leapfrog Survey Results are [publicly reported](#) on a free website.

The Survey's national standards are aimed at protecting patients from preventable harm by including *hand hygiene*, the *implementation of a safe surgery checklist*, and *surgical site infection surveillance*.

Currently, 100% of eligible New Jersey hospitals, including their Hospital Outpatient Departments (HOPD), participate in the Leapfrog Hospital Survey. Yet in 2023, only five out of over 180 ASCs in New Jersey participated in Leapfrog's annual [ASC Survey](#).

At the Quality Institute, we have long called for greater transparency and data on the safety of New Jersey's ASCs. In today's Quality Institute [press release](#), New Jersey's Health Commissioner Kaitlin Baston, M.D., joined our call for ASCs to report to Leapfrog, stating...

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TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

Jaffer Traish, Chief Operating Officer of [Findhelp](#), a social care network. Findhelp is a member of the Quality Institute.

Interview Sneak Peek: *Your organization previously was called Aunt Bertha. Why don't we start with a question of why you decided to change the name?*

The Aunt Bertha name served us well, and we're still very fond of Aunt Bertha. Aunt Bertha represented the non-judgmental family member who takes care of you, listens to you, and is there in your time of need. Some customers still call us Aunt Bertha and that's perfectly okay. But for a public facing search for anyone in the United States, we found "Findhelp" is more intuitive. People know exactly what we do...

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SPRING ALL COUNCIL CONFERENCE

*Top Health Care Issues for NJ Voters at the Ballot Box:
From Affordability to Abortion*



Please join us **in person** on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at the Princeton Marriott at Forrestal for the Quality Institute Spring All-Council Conference where we will explore *Top Health Care Issues for NJ Voters at the Ballot Box: from Affordability to Abortion*.

This event will feature insightful keynotes from:

- Christopher Whaley, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Health Services, Policy, and Practice, Brown University School of Public Health
- Anand Parekh, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Advisor at the Bipartisan Policy Center

Come to this event to learn about the health care hot topics on the minds of New Jersey voters. Stay for the networking reception to mix and mingle with Quality Institute members and other health care leaders.

For members and invited guests only.

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FROM AFFORDABILITY TO ABORTION**

May 14, 2024 3:00 - 6:00 P.M. | Princeton Marriott at Forrestal

Keynote **Speakers**



Christopher Whaley, PhD,
Associate Professor,
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Services, Policy, and
Practice, Brown
University School of
Public Health



**Anand Parekh,
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Chief Medical Advisor,
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Moderator



**Benjamin Dworkin,
PhD**
Director, Rowan Institute for
Public Policy & Citizenship

Register today: <https://njhcqi.info/SprConf2024>

MATERNITY ACTION PLAN

Work Session Wednesday, April 24, 2024



Join us for the second virtual [Maternity Action Plan \(MAP\)](#) work session of 2024, *Collecting and Using REaL (Race, Ethnicity, & Language) Data to Improve Health Equity & Quality*, on **April 24 from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.**

This event will feature:

- DeAnna Minus-Vincent, MPA, Managing Director, [The Outcomes Architect](#);
- Tracy Parris-Benjamin, LMSW, FHEDA, Managing Director, [The Outcomes Architect](#); and
- Kathryn Burggraf Stewart, MPH, Director, Health Care Ratings, [The Leapfrog Group](#).

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Expert Co-Facilitators



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Thursday, April 25, 10 am-1 pm

**Maternal Infant Health Hub's
Midwifery Convening**



Speaker

**Magda
Schaler-Haynes, JD,
MPH**

*Professor of Health Policy
and Management, Columbia
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Register for the [MIH Hub's](#) in-person midwifery convening on Thursday **April 25 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.** at the RWJ Fitness & Wellness Center to celebrate its Midwifery Collaborative. This convening will feature guest speaker Magda Schaler-Haynes, who will discuss New Jersey's current midwifery licensing and regulatory structure and present evidence-based approaches to regulate midwifery practice. This event will also review the [MIH Hub's social media toolkits](#) to raise public awareness about midwifery.

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An Exciting Development for Health Care 2024 Recognized Leaders in Caring for People Living with Diabetes

The [American Diabetes Association® \(ADA\)](#) and [The Leapfrog Group](#) proudly announced the first hospitals to receive the prestigious designation as *Recognized Leaders in Caring for People Living with Diabetes*. This recognition underscores a profound commitment to the safety and well-being of hospitalized individuals with diabetes, [a population representing an estimated 30% of all hospital admissions](#).

Congratulations to the NJ hospitals receiving this national honor: [AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center—Atlantic City Campus](#), [AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center—Mainland Campus](#) and [Hackensack Meridian Jersey Shore University Medical Center](#). Applications for the 2025 Recognized Leader designation opens July 1.

[Learn More](#)

Safer Births' Virtual Maternal Health Fair 2024 Commemorating Black Maternal Health Week

In honor of Black Maternal Health Week, a collaboration between the [Coalition for Safe Motherhood](#), the [Dr. Shalon \(Irving\) Motherhood Action Project](#), [Melinated Moms](#) and [Birthing the Magic Collaborative](#) offers access to FREE online workshops led by advocates, clinicians and thought leaders from **April 11 to April 17**.

This event will feature a session with a candid discussion and exploration of birthing options for expectant parents led by respected birth professionals and moderated by Quality Institute Program Officer [Christine Ivery, MPH, CHES](#), on **April 11 from 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**

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For information on how to join, please contact Virginia Tesser at vtesser@njhcqi.org.

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