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**IHI ANNOUNCES 2016-2017 QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FELLOWS**

*Nine clinicians, researchers, and health care leaders, spanning diverse disciplines and countries, convene in Cambridge for 12-month immersion program*

**Cambridge, MA – September 21, 2016** – The [Institute for Healthcare Improvement](#) (IHI), a leading innovator in health and health care improvement worldwide, today announced its nine 2016-2017 Quality Improvement Fellows. During the 12-24 month immersion program, the group of seasoned clinicians, researchers, and health professionals will hone and enhance the skills necessary to spread quality improvement within their home organizations and around the world.

The Fellows in this year's class span diverse disciplines and continents, including one medical director and two clinicians in emergency and family medicine from Saudi Arabia, supported by the [King Saud Medical City Fellowship](#) and the [Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Ministry of Defense Fellowship](#); four pediatric Fellows from the United States, participating in the [Harvard-wide Pediatric Health Services Research Fellowship Program](#) based at Boston Children's Hospital, three of whom are funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) or the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and one funded by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; a London-based [Harkness Fellow](#), sponsored by The Commonwealth Fund, specializing in operational research; and a leader in health management from [Melbourne Health](#).

“We are thrilled to welcome these remarkable individuals committed to transforming health care in their communities and around the world,” stated Derek Feeley, President and CEO, IHI. “Their specialties and backgrounds are diverse, but the passion for improvement unites us all. I, along with IHI's entire staff, look forward to learning and growing alongside this new group of Fellows over the next 12 months and beyond.”

The [IHI Fellowship Program](#) aims to develop health care leaders with the drive, skills, and experience to spread improvement in the United States and globally, and to build capability within health care organizations to reach dramatically higher levels of performance. Fellows spend one year at IHI's office in Cambridge, MA, and return to their home organization to lead transformative change.

“For more than 15 years, IHI's Fellowship program has contributed to the growth of more than 80 individuals and organizations. The evolution of the Fellowship, from a single-person class to a nine-person cadre with diverse backgrounds, funding sources, and research interests, inspires hope and confidence in the next generation of leaders in quality improvement,” stated Don Goldmann, Chief Medical and Scientific Officer, IHI, and the senior lead for the Fellowship Program. “Through IHI's Fellowship, we're able to contribute to the meaningful spread of improvement science and enable leaders to drive forward the significant and long-lasting impact we strive for around the world.”

**2016-2017 IHI Fellows include:**

King Saud Medical City Fellows

**Khaled Ali Alenazi, MD**

Medical Director, General Hospital  
King Saud Medical City (KSMC)  
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

**Nayif Alsayari, MD**

Attending Physician, Emergency Medicine  
King Saud Medical City (KSMC)  
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Ministry of Defense, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Fellow

**Yasser Ketab Alotaibi, MD**

Consultant, Family Medicine and Quality Improvement  
Medical Services General Directorate  
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Harvard-wide Pediatric Health Services Research Fellows

**Lara Christine Bishay, MD, MPH**

Second Year Pediatric Pulmonary Fellow  
Boston Children's Hospital  
Boston, Massachusetts

**Matthew Egberg, MMSc, MD**

Third Year Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition Fellow  
Boston Children's Hospital  
Boston, Massachusetts

**Sarah Brand McCarthy, PhD**

Faculty  
Harvard Medical School  
Boston, Massachusetts

Attending Psychologist  
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Boston's Children's Hospital  
Boston, Massachusetts

**Traci Marie Kazmerski, MD, MS**

Fourth Year Pediatric Pulmonary Fellow  
Boston Children's Hospital  
Boston, Massachusetts

Harkness Fellow in Health Policy and Practice

**Christina Pagel, PhD**

Reader in Operational Research (equiv. to Associate Professor), Clinical Operational Research Unit  
University College London  
London, England

Melbourne Health Fellow

**Lisa McKenzie, BPhysio(Hons), MHA**

Office of the Chief Executive

Melbourne Health

Melbourne, Australia

**About the Institute for Healthcare Improvement**

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