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INSTITUTE FOR HEALTHCARE IMPROVEMENT'S IMPACT NETWORK GROWS BY OVER 40 PERCENT IN FOUR MONTHS, NOW TOTALS 82 MEMBERS

BOSTON, MA – October 7, 2002 – The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) today announced that IMPACT, its international network to improve the quality of health care, has acquired 24 new members. A total of 82 health care organizations in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom, have now joined IMPACT as members since the launch of the network in May. There were 58 members at the time of the launch. (See list of new, as well as original, members below.)

“The rapid growth of IMPACT is proof that there is an expanding group of health care providers for whom the status quo is unacceptable,” said IHI president and CEO Donald M. Berwick, MD, MPP. “These leaders are willing to take courageous steps to show the world how great health care can be.”

IMPACT is a network of health care organizations – including some of the finest hospitals and medical practices in the world – that are joined together under IHI’s leadership to create a community of service providers committed to significantly improving patient care. IMPACT member organizations work in five critical areas:

- Patient Safety – ensuring that patients are as safe in health care facilities as they are in their own homes;
- Office Practice and Outpatient Settings – building efficient, proactive, patient-centered care systems for primary care, specialty practices and ambulatory settings;
- Flow Through Acute Care Settings – reducing waiting times, redundancy and waste throughout the hospital system;
- Intensive Care Settings – improving care for patients in critical care units while reducing costs;
- Workforce Development – ensuring a vibrant, motivated, and skilled workforce.

Each of the IMPACT member organizations has committed to making breakthrough improvements in one or more of these areas during the next two years.

“An increase of over 40% in membership in four months demonstrates that IMPACT has struck a chord with health care providers,” said Maulik Joshi, Dr. P.H., Executive Director of IMPACT. “Each of the members is making an important statement about its commitment to quality care by joining this effort.”

Enrollment in IMPACT is open to health care organizations worldwide. For more information on IMPACT, visit www.ihl.org or email impact@ihl.org.

The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) is a not-for-profit organization leading the improvement of health care throughout the world. Founded in 1991 and based in Boston, MA, IHI is a catalyst for change, cultivating innovative concepts for improving patient care and implementing programs for putting those ideas into action. Thousands of health care providers, including many of the finest hospitals in the world, participate in IHI's groundbreaking work.

IMPACT Member Organizations
(New members are in bold.)

United States

Alabama	Children's Hospital of Alabama, Birmingham
Alaska	Alaska Native Medical Center, Anchorage
California	California Cancer Center at Woodward Park, Fresno Cedars-Sinai Health System, Los Angeles Dominican Hospital, Santa Cruz Naval Hospital, Camp Pendleton Naval Medical Center, San Diego St. Joseph Hospital, Orange Stanford Hospital and Clinics, Stanford
Colorado	Centura Health (Catholic Health Initiative), Denver
DC	Navy Bureau of Medicine & Surgery, Washington
Florida	Bon Secours - Venice Hospital, Venice Lee Memorial Health System, Fort Myers Naval Hospital, Pensacola Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare, Tallahassee
Illinois	Alexian Brothers Medical Center, Elk Grove Village Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago Naval Hospital, Great Lakes Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago St. Anthony Medical Center (OSF Healthcare System), Rockford St. Francis Medical Center (OSF Healthcare System), Peoria
Indiana	Community Health Network, Indianapolis
Iowa	Covenant Medical Center, Waterloo Iowa Health System, Des Moines Mercy Medical Center (Catholic Health Initiative), Des Moines
Kansas	University of Kansas Hospital, Kansas City
Kentucky	Owensboro Mercy Health System, Owensboro St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington
Maryland	Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda
Massachusetts	Caritas Norwood Hospital, Norwood Cambridge Health Alliance, Cambridge Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston Holyoke Hospital, Holyoke Harvard University Health Services, Cambridge
Michigan	Henry Ford Health System, Detroit Munson Medical Center, Traverse City
Minnesota	Ridgeview Medical Center, Waconia
Missouri	Missouri Baptist Medical Center, St. Louis St. John's Mercy Health Care, St. Louis

Nebraska	St. John's Regional Health Center, Springfield Good Samaritan Health Systems (Catholic Health Initiative), Kearney
New Hampshire	Nebraska Methodist Hospital, Omaha
New Jersey	Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, Dover AtlantiCare Health System, Egg Harbor Township Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Hamilton Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston
New York	Queens Health Network/ Elmhurst Hospital Center and Queens Hospital Center, New York, St. Francis Hospital, Roslyn Stratton VA Medical Center, Albany Strong Health, Rochester
Ohio	Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton
Pennsylvania	Geisinger Health System, Danville Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Hershey WellSpan Health, York
South Carolina	CareSouth Carolina, Inc., Hartsville McLeod Regional Medical Center, Florence
Tennessee	Baptist Memorial Healthcare Corporation, Memphis Memorial Hospital (Catholic Health Initiative), Chattanooga University Medical Center Coordinating Council, Memphis
Texas	Baylor Health Care System, Dallas/Fort Worth MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston Memorial Hermann Hospital and Memorial Hermann Children's Hospital, Houston University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston
Utah	University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics, Salt Lake City
Vermont	Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington
Virginia	Bon Secours Health System, Richmond Sentara Hampton General Hospital/Careplex, Hampton Sentara Hospitals, Norfolk
Washington	Olympic Medical Center, Port Angeles Puget Sound Neighborhood Health Centers, Seattle The Everett Clinic, Everett
West Virginia	Charleston Area Medical Center, Charleston
Wisconsin	Affinity Health System, Menasha Bellin Health System, Green Bay Luther Midelfort – Mayo Health System, Eau Claire St. Joseph's Community Hospital of West Bend, West Bend ThedaCare, Appleton
Canada	
Alberta	Calgary Health Region, Calgary
British Columbia	Vancouver Island Health Authority, Victoria
United Kingdom	East Lancashire Health & Social Care Community, Blackburn