

The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) is pleased to announce the **James Conway Patient and Family Advisor Scholarship** to attend [IHI's 27th Annual National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care](#). This event takes place December 6-9, 2015, in Orlando, FL, USA. Considered a premier conference, this event unites you with over 5,000 health care professionals, patients, and family members from around the world. The IHI National Forum will reinvigorate you, expose you to new ways of thinking, and empower you to effect real change.

IHI is an independent not-for-profit organization based in Cambridge, Massachusetts and a leading innovator in health and health care improvement worldwide. At our core, we believe everyone should get the best care and health possible. This passionate belief fuels our mission to improve health and health care.



#### **About Jim Conway**

Jim Conway's career in health care spans over 45 years, during which time he has been a student, teacher, manager, leader, advocate, administrator, board member, and more. Jim has worked with IHI in a range of capacities, serving as a Senior Fellow, Senior Vice President, and Faculty member. In every role, he has championed the need for patients and family members, as care partners, to have a central part in improving health care. One of his notable accomplishments was establishing the first adult patient and family advisory councils, along with a pediatric council, at Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in 1996.

To honor Jim's years of service, this annual scholarship provides funding for a patient/ family advisor in active partnership with a health care organization to attend the National Forum General Conference. Thanks to Jim, IHI has experienced firsthand the positive effect of having patients and families participate in the IHI National Forum. The James Conway Scholarship will be awarded annually to perpetuate Jim's work and to deepen IHI's commitment to engaging patients and their families in improving health care.

**Eligibility:** Scholarships will be awarded only to patient and family advisors actively working in partnership with health care professionals **on a volunteer basis**. IHI defines a patient family advisor as a person with experience as a patient or family member of a patient who is collaborating with a health care setting and shows success, drive, and interest in improving the patient experience for all patients and families.

Nominees should be **patients, family members, or members of the public** deserving of recognition for outstanding service in advancing quality and safety for all, and whose attendance will advance learning at IHI as well as their work in their home organization or community. To that end, we ask the host organization to commit to providing a time for the winner to present their National Forum experience to leadership and other patient/family advisors. **Nominations must be made by host organizations.**

**Requirements:** To apply, please complete all fields on page two of this form and email it to IHI at [info@ihi.org](mailto:info@ihi.org).

**Terms:** The scholarship recipient will attend the 27th Annual National Forum on December 6-9, 2015, in Orlando, Florida. Scholarship funding covers the registration fee for the National Forum, four nights' hotel, and \$500 towards airfare and ground transportation. The scholarship winner will be invited to take part in the Patient and Family Advisor Program at the National Forum, as well as the annual Faculty Mindwalk, both private events.

**Deadline:** Please submit the scholarship application no later than **Thursday, September 17, 2015**. The winner will be notified by **Thursday, October 15, 2015**.

**For other National Forum information:** <http://www.ihi.org/forum>

**Application Form**

1. What experience brought the nominee to participate as a patient or family advisor? (Ex. Cancer diagnosis, etc.)

2. What is the nominee’s contribution as an advisor? (Ex. Volunteer, committee member, area of focus, etc.)

3. In 250 words or fewer, please share a story, experience, or incident that characterizes the impact the nominee has had on your hospital, ambulatory practice, or in the local community.

4. In 250 words or fewer, please explain why it is important for the nominee to attend IHI’s National Forum.

**Organization Name:**

**Nominator:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_