

**Five Things You Can Do This Week**

- Get advice on growing Chapter membership
- Read a medical student's tips on professionalism
- Apply for the Young Physicians Award
- Learn about IHI's upcoming events
- Read the Community news

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**Chapter Spotlight: South Dakota**



The [IHI Open School South Dakota Chapter](#) was founded in January 2011 and, in one year, has grown to 250 members across seven health disciplines and three schools. We asked Chapter Leader Ryan Miller about the rapid expansion in hopes of giving new Chapters some guidance on how to grow their membership. For the established Chapters out there, we hope to pass along some tips to strengthen your group. To learn more, visit the [Chapter Spotlight](#) page.

**Blog: Advice from a Medical Student**



In a new blog post, Lakshman Swamy, Chapter Leader at Boonshoft School of Medicine at **Wright State University**, provides tips on handling the pressures of medical school and maintaining professionalism among peers. "At the end of my third year, I put together this list of things I learned to be a better student (and a better person!). The people that stick to these principles are respected, well-liked, and, I think, generally happier." Read more and leave your comments on our [blog](#).

**Apply Now for the Young Physicians Award**



The Doctors Company Foundation, in partnership with the *Lucian Leape Institute at the National Patient Safety Foundation*, presents the Young Physicians Patient Safety Award. This award recognizes young physicians for their deep personal insight into the significance of patient safety work. Third- and fourth-year medical students and first-year residents are invited to submit essays that will be judged by NPSF.

Six winners of this prestigious award will receive **\$5,000 + registration and travel expenses** to the NPSF Annual Congress.

Apply [here](#) now!

**Upcoming IHI Events**



**Next WIHI: Thursday, January 26 at 2PM EST**  
[Have You Had The Conversation?](#) Helping Loved Ones Discuss End-of-Life Preferences

**IHI Office Practice Summit: March 18-20 in Washington, D.C.**

Scholarships are available for all eligible students, residents, and faculty. The deadline to apply is February 27. [Apply now!](#)

**The 2012 International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare: April 17-20 in Paris, France**

Students and teachers: [Apply for a scholarship](#) to attend the International Forum.

**Community Updates**

**Welcome, New Chapters**

United States

- St. David's Medical Center, Texas
- Appalachian State University, North Carolina

International

- IRCSS AOU San Martino - IST National Cancer Research Institute, Italy
- Health Care Accreditation Council, Jordan

**News**

[UConn Today](#) featured Dan Henderson, Chapter Leader at the University of Connecticut, for creating "CheckSafe," a surgical safety app designed to eliminate mistakes in the operating room. Please join us in congratulating Dan!

**Attend the annual UK IHI Open School Conference this March**

The IHI Open School is teaming up with 1000 Lives Plus and the NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement to host 'Small Changes, Big Impact,' - a conference in Cardiff on March 23rd and 24th. All health care students are invited to attend and discover the part they can play in the movement to improve patient care and safety.

You can find more information [online](#) or by calling (029) 2082 7653.