



IHI Open School in December Issue of Health Affairs



The IHI Open School is featured in a new *Health Affairs* article, "Results Of An Effort To Integrate Quality And Safety Into Medical And Nursing School Curricula And Foster Joint Learning." The article charts the progress of the Retooling for Quality and Safety Initiative, a project funded by the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation that tested the integration of quality improvement and patient safety classes into six nursing and medical schools across the country.

For a limited time, this article is available to IHI.org users at no cost. [Read the article here](#) and share the link with friends and colleagues.

The Forum Is Only 5 Days Away!

IHI's [24th Annual National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care](#) is less than a week away! We're taking a break from the newsletter next week to work at the conference and focus on the Chapter Congress. We're looking forward to seeing attendees there!

Are you attending the Forum? Share your experiences with us by sending photos, videos, or reflections to OpenSchool@IHI.org. You can also connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) during and after the conference.

Can't make it this year? Take a virtual tour of the student storyboard submissions on our [posterboards page](#) and follow Forum events on Twitter with the [#HI24Forum](#) hashtag.

Community Updates



Welcome, New Chapters

International

Federico II University, **Italy**

Selling a Cow for Quality Improvement

The IHI Open School Chapter in South Dakota is raffling off a quarter of a cow to raise funds for its Chapter activities. [Read about the unique experience](#) and get ideas for your own fundraising efforts.



Is your Chapter taking a creative approach to fundraising? Let us know by emailing OpenSchool@IHI.org.

Students Spread Awareness of Quality & Safety in Texas

Last month, students from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and Baylor College of Medicine Chapters joined forces to host the second annual IHI Open School Houston Regional Conference, a half-day event focused on important issues in patient safety and quality improvement.



More than 100 attendees from 14 institutions attended the event and heard local improvement leaders speak on topics including how quality improvement affects health care organizations and patient outcomes.

Young Physicians Award in Patient Safety



The Doctors Company Foundation, in partnership with the Lucian Leape Institute at the National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF), announced The Doctors Company Foundation Young Physicians Patient Safety Award -- an award to recognize young physicians for their deep personal insight into the significance of patient safety work. Six award winners will receive \$5,000, and registration and travel expenses to the NPSF Annual Congress in New Orleans.

Individuals are invited to submit 500-1,000 word essays describing the most instructional patient safety event they've experienced. Essays will be judged by a panel identified by NPSF and are due on February 4. [Find more information here.](#)