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Sherman Award for Excellence in Patient Engagement Open for Nominations

Dayton, OH and Boston, MA – (January 19, 2017) – Nominations opened today for the 2017 Sherman Award for Engaging Patients. The award, which is sponsored by EngagingPatients.org, an online community dedicated to sharing best practices in patient and family engagement, is given in partnership with the National Patient Safety Foundation's (NPSF) Lucian Leape Institute and Taylor Healthcare.

Established in 2014, the Sherman Award is dedicated to recognizing innovative work that has resulted in better, safer care and improved outcomes by engaging patients and families in their care. The award will be conferred at the NPSF's 19th annual Patient Safety Congress in Orlando, Fla. on May 18. The winner will receive an all-expenses paid trip to Orlando for the Congress. Previous winners include the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Iora Health, OpenNotes and North Shore LIJ (now Northwell Health).

"Developing deep relationships with patients and their personal support networks will continue to be the key to engaging and activating patients. We know that as patient and family engagement increases, patient safety and outcomes improve," said Mark O'Leary, chair of EngagingPatients.org's advisory board and president of Taylor Communications. "It is our honor to recognize these inspiring programs and caregivers who truly are making a difference in the lives of patients and families. We hope that showcasing this work will lead to more patient- and family-centered practices throughout the continuum of care."

A panel of judges will evaluate programs on the degree to which patient and families are involved in project design and implementation, measurable results, sustainability, and the ability to replicate the project.

"Greater patient and family engagement has been linked to more positive patient experience of care as well as improved outcomes and patient safety," said Tejal K. Gandhi, MD, MPH, CPPS, president and CEO of the National Patient Safety Foundation. "NPSF is pleased to collaborate with Engagingpatients.org in recognizing important and effective work toward patient and family engagement."

Nominations will be accepted through March 3. Work must have occurred between January 1, 2016 and January 19, 2017. The official nomination form and full details about criteria for the Sherman Award are available at www.EngagingPatients.org/awardsubmissions.

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About EngagingPatients.org

EngagingPatients.org, an online community dedicated to the transformation of healthcare through patient engagement, was launched in June 2013. The community recognizes the important role communication plays in improving the patient experience, the quality of care and ultimately creating better outcomes. Through partnerships, members strive to advance engagement between patients, advocates and providers. EngagingPatients.org is a centralized resource where the community can find real-time news and relevant content, share best practices and engage in thoughtful discussion.

About the National Patient Safety Foundation

The National Patient Safety Foundation's vision is to create a world where patients and those who care for them are free from harm. A central voice for patient safety since 1997, NPSF partners with patients and families, the health care community, and key stakeholders to advance patient safety and health care workforce safety and disseminate strategies to prevent harm. NPSF is an independent, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. The NPSF Lucian Leape Institute, established in 2007, is charged with defining strategic paths and calls to action for the field of patient safety, offering vision and context for the many efforts under way within health care, and providing the leverage necessary for system-level change. To learn more about the NPSF's work, visit www.npsf.org.

About Taylor Healthcare

Taylor Healthcare, a part of Taylor Communications, is a marketing and communications company serving the healthcare industry with a broad spectrum of tangible and digital solutions primarily in the acute, long-term care and payer markets. We help our customers standardize and manage communications across the continuum of care, enabling them to engage the right person with the right information at the right time to influence behavior and achieve desired outcomes. The Sherman Award was created to honor one of the founders of Taylor Healthcare, a philanthropist instrumental in improving health in his community more than 100 years ago.

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