



University of Iowa Health Care's comprehensive program that addresses core characteristics and skills needed to lead effectively in an academic healthcare environment.

2016-2017 ELA Participants



Susan Berends
Quality and Safety Specialist
Clinical Quality Safety and Performance Improvement
Project Focus:
A standardized plan for advanced practice provider onboarding; proposing the ideal state.



Deanna Brennan
Quality & Operations Improvement Manager/Director
Clinical Documentation Improvement
Project Focus:
Standardization of documentation queries in Epic with integration of UIHC approved Documentation Guidelines.



Jennifer Carpe
Nurse Manager
Ophthalmology Clinic
Project Focus:
Improve operations including patient access and through put in pediatric ophthalmology clinic setting and determine if growth is financially viable.



Anna Cigrand
Administrative Fellow
Hospital Administration
Project Focus:
Developing a standardized process for completion of advanced care planning throughout the organization.



Tara Clark
Renal Services Administrator
Dialysis
Project Focus:
Transitioning Prisoners on Dialysis to a Home Dialysis Treatment Modality at the Iowa Medical and Classification Center.



Trishul Dahya
Senior Project Manager
Capital Management
Project Focus:
Evaluate the sustainability of new technology and building materials used in the 4 new operating rooms.



Nicholas Dreyer
Assistant Director, Clinical Applications
Health Care Information Systems
Project Focus:
Implement Laboratory Information Systems for UIHC's non-Pathology laboratories.



Matthew Espy
Senior IT Security Analyst
HCIS
Project Focus:
Improve the afterhours Help Desk phone quality and workflow to improve experience for customer and support staff.



Jill Furgason
Senior Project Manager
HCIS
Project Focus:
To develop a Population Health Dashboard that tracks ACO metrics and generates targets.



Denise Grafft
Assistant Director, Clinical Applications
HCIS
Project Focus:
Analysis and implementation of the Epic Case Management module.



Jessica Hanson
Assistant Nurse Manager
GRCP- Adult Internal Medicine
Project Focus:
Develop program to sponsor UIHC Health Care workers in providing international aid.



Karisa Harland
Associate Research Scientist
Emergency Medicine
Project Focus:
Increasing acute care research through campus wide utilization of the Emergency Department Research Enroller Program (ED-REP).



Lynnette Kenne
Lean Management Engineer
Department of Operations Excellence
Project Focus:
Improve the sharps injuries reporting process for residents in the main operating room.



Vicki Kijewski
Clinical Professor
Psychiatry/Internal Medicine
Project Focus:
Improvement of Psychiatry Admission and Transfer Process.



Maria Lofgren
Director of Advanced Practice Providers
Nursing Administration
Project Focus:
A standardized plan for advanced practice provider onboarding; proposing the ideal state.



Brad Maning
Hospitalist, GRC Medical Director
Department of Internal Medicine
Project Focus:
Initiate nurse-physician joint rounding on GRC to improve communication and coordination of care.



Jennifer McDanel
Quality and Safety Specialist
Clinical Quality, Safety, and Performance Improvement
Project Focus:
Perform a retrospective analysis that will identify factors associated with improving early identification and treatment of patients with sepsis.



Michael Mullinnix
Associate Director, Administrative Applications
HCIS
Project Focus:
Implementation of Patient Estimate functionality in Epic to provide patients with an accurate estimate of their out-of-pocket responsibility for common procedures.



Kip Pedersen
Support Services Manager
Iowa River Landing
Project Focus:
Providing a new patient experience by offering Shared Medical Appointments in our IRL Diabetes Center.



Cory Pfab
Senior Project Manager
HCIS
Project Focus:
Replace UIHC's nurse call system and integrate with other hospital systems to provide timely notifications and enable nursing to make data-driven decisions.



Zachary Pollock
Associate Director, Clinical Cancer Services
Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center
Project Focus:
Implementation of Supportive Oncology Services.



Barbara Schuessler
Associate Director, Nursing
Emergency Medicine
Project Focus:
Designing updated triage space and accompanying workflows to decrease the left without being seen measure and increase patient satisfaction.



Shane Sedenka
Pharmacy Operations Supervisor
Ambulatory Care Pharmacy
Project Focus:
Networking our high performing pharmacy services and evaluating their impact on population health.



Taylin Stoner
Administrative Fellow
Hospital Administration
Project Focus:
Cost-benefit analysis to justify an increase in radiology technicians in order to maximize efficiency and effectiveness of image post-processing.



Beth Tarini
Associate Professor
Pediatrics
Project Focus:
Optimizing the flow of the general pediatrics resident acute care clinic.



Joe Wilford
Senior Project Manager
HCIS
Project Focus:
Upgrade of Epic EMR and related modules and applications from v2014 to v2016.