



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

2017–2018 ELA Participants



Nathanael Adam
Assistant Director, Administrative Applications
HCIS
Project focus: Implementation of Epic's Transfer Center module to improve standardization of data capture and improve monitoring, trending, and reporting of incoming patient transfers to UI Hospitals and Clinics



Kyle Anson
Director of Compensation
Health Care Human Resources
Project focus: Exploring additional pay practices to aid in the recruitment and retention of staff nurses



Jessica Block
Nurse Manager 6JC
Nursing
Project focus: Building a healthy work environment through improved interprofessional communication on 6JC



Michelle Borgwardt
Senior Physical Therapist, Assistant Manager
Rehabilitation Therapies Department
Project focus: Streamlining inpatient physical therapy at UI Hospitals and Clinics; focus on value by emphasizing efficiency and efficacy



Kristin Bramow
Administrative Fellow
Hospital Administration
Project focus: Preparing for the opening of the new cancer clinic



David Bush
Program Manager
Internal Medicine
Project focus: Leveraging telemedicine to deliver infectious diseases specialty care in rural Iowa



Julie Cayler
Research Manager
Clinical Research Unit of the Institute for Clinical and Translational Science
Project focus: Develop the Academy for Research Professionals into an initial standardized and documented competency-based orientation process for new research staff throughout UI



Muhammad Furqan
Clinical Assistant Professor
Internal Medicine – HCCC
Project focus: Improve wait time and patient satisfaction at their appointments in Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center



Jeydith Gutierrez
Clinical Assistant Professor
Internal Medicine – Hospitalist
Project focus: PRICE: Patient Regionalization to Improve Care Efficiency for inpatient medicine teams



Kirsten Hanrahan
Interim Director, Nursing Research, Evidence-Based Practice and Quality Nursing
Project focus: Establish a cost structure for nursing services related to industry sponsored research



Jennifer Harbison
Director of Health Policy
VPMA
Project focus: Develop and implement a legislative and regulatory tracking system tied to the UI Health Care Strategic Plan to centralize information and UI Health Care positions



Michael Hesselstine
Manager
UI Patient Access Center
Project focus: Transform our current system of patient follow-up scheduling at the point of ED or inpatient discharge into a model which provider and clinical team have access to scheduling 24 hours a day, 7 days a week



Janet Hosking
Nursing Practice Leader, Nurse Residency Coordinator
Nursing Clinical Education Center
Project focus: The purpose of this project will be to develop a proposal and timeline for application for the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH). Provisional Accreditation for the University of Iowa interprofessional simulation center



Ethan Frank Kuperman
Clinical Assistant Professor
Internal Medicine
Project focus: Expand our Virtual Hospitalist Service, a service where we provide academic hospitalist staffing to small rural hospitals using telemedicine



Anil Marian
Clinical Associate Professor
Anesthesia
Project focus: Epic anesthesia enhancements including use of Heiko and Ganto applications for improving documentation and timely billing



Yusuf Menda
Associate Professor, Program Director
Nuclear Medicine Residency Radiology
Project focus: Re-organize the scheduling of work during the day to make the combined operation of the nuclear medicine and PET clinics more efficient



Jayne Nelson
HR Generalist
Engineering Services, Guest Services, and Employee Health
Project focus: Establish a Support Services Merit Staff onboarding and orientation program



Evelyn Perry
Associate Administrative Director
Adult Hospitalist Program – Internal Medicine
Project focus: Implement a structured huddle with the multidisciplinary team to share key metrics for the 5 South Unit



Connie Phommaly
Project Manager
Division of General Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine
Project focus: Patient access in outpatient general pediatrics



Stuart K. Pitman
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist
Acute Care – Department of Pharmaceutical Care
Project focus: Determining the possibilities for increased fiscal responsibility by retrospectively analyzing the hospital's use of inpatient biologic therapies for the treatment of adult patients with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)



Brad Seaton
Manager, Finance Analysis
Pathology
Project focus: Work collaboratively with nursing and medical leadership to develop a cost benefit analysis for a 24/7 phlebotomy service



Mel Sharafuddin
Clinical Associate Professor
Surgery
Project focus: Optimize the financial performance of the complex aortic endovascular surgery program at the University of Iowa Heart and Vascular Center



Tejinder Singh Swaran Singh
Clinical Assistant Professor
Anesthesia
Project focus: Creation of an online educational module on responsible opioid prescribing for chronic non-cancer pain with the aim of incorporating that into the compliance system for practitioners



Becky Skinner
Manager
Respiratory Care – Pulmonary Diagnostics and Hyperbaric Medicine
Project focus: To implement a Respiratory Therapy Educator Specialist program targeting chronic pulmonary disease patients that will provide education on respiratory medication delivery, self-management techniques, and coordinate with the Pulmonary Clinic for discharge follow-up to improve continuity of care



Sarah Titler
Clinical Assistant Professor
Anesthesiology
Project focus: Decrease UI Stead Family Children's Hospital operating room turnover times



Michelle Turner
Nurse Manager
UI Health Care–Iowa River Landing
Project focus: Measurement of staff satisfaction and perception of teamwork after the implementation of TeamSTEPS in a multi-specialty clinic setting



Staci Vaske
ARNP/PA Supervisor SNICU
Anesthesiology
Project focus: Creating a fellowship program for critical care advanced practice providers



Melissa Whisler
Clinical Department Administrator
Pediatrics
Project focus: Develop a standardized onboarding and training program for administrative support leaders across all divisions in the Stead Family Department of Pediatrics



Allison Wynes
MICU Lead APP
Internal Medicine, Division of Pulmonary Critical Care
Project focus: Creating a fellowship program for critical care advanced practice providers



Amy Yoder Dowden
Clinical Associate Professor
Internal Medicine – Immunology
Project focus: The development of a dedicated team-based inpatient service to prioritize then evaluate for penicillin allergy



Lisa Zavala
Project Manager
UI Physicians
Project focus: Multi-phased collaborative effort between the UI Physicians and UI Pharmacy to standardize and centralize pharmacy services. Project goals are to focus on reducing risk of pharmacy denials, increase patient satisfaction, and decrease clinician administrative burden