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**CHA to Recognize Bridgeport Hospital with the 2018 John D. Thompson Award  
for Excellence in the Delivery of Healthcare Through the Use of Data**

WALLINGFORD – At its 100th Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 14, 2018, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) will award Bridgeport Hospital the 2018 *John D. Thompson Award for Excellence in the Delivery of Healthcare Through the Use of Data* for its initiative: Reducing Severe Hypoglycemia in Hospitalized Patients With Diabetes Mellitus.

Hypoglycemia in hospitalized patients is associated with increased length of hospital stay, readmission rates, and mortality. Bridgeport Hospital identified that its incidence of hypoglycemia was high and a more effective response was needed.

The hospital assembled a multidisciplinary Hypoglycemia Clinical Redesign Team focused on reducing preventable harm and providing quality care for patients while adding value. The team was charged with designing, implementing, and evaluating a standardized approach for management of severe hypoglycemia. The team developed a hypoglycemia bundle of care, as well as interventions to improve severe hypoglycemia management in patients admitted to the hospital.

Bridgeport Hospital tracked process and outcome measures, and observed significant improvement in both. All process-related outcomes improved significantly after the interventions. The hospital observed a significant, dramatic reduction in both 30-day and 6-month readmission rates.

“Bridgeport Hospital demonstrated its commitment to quality and patient safety with its project to reduce severe hypoglycemia in patients with diabetes mellitus,” said Jennifer Jackson, CEO, CHA. “Using a high reliability approach, the hospital’s multidisciplinary team developed a standardized protocol and integrated it into the hospital’s culture. Congratulations to Bridgeport Hospital.”



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