



## Venues for Quality and Safety Grants

Agency	Website	Description	Funding	Timeline
<b>Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)</b>	<a href="http://www.ahrq.gov/fund/grantix.htm">http://www.ahrq.gov/fund/grantix.htm</a>	The mission of AHRQ is to improve the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of health care for all Americans. AHRQ strives to achieve its mission by supporting a wide range of health services research projects. Examples include RO3 and KO2 awards that are focused on: effectiveness/comparative effectiveness studies; health information technologies; prevention and care management; patient safety; and innovation.	Varies by grant	Varies – RFAs are posted on the website & available via e-mail alerts
<b>Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ): Patient Safety Net</b>	<a href="http://psnet.ahrq.gov">http://psnet.ahrq.gov</a>	National web-based resource featuring the latest news and essential resources on patient safety. The site offers weekly updates of patient safety literature, news, tools, and meetings ("What's New"), and a vast set of carefully annotated links to important research and other information on patient safety ("The Collection").	Varies by grant	Varies – new grant opportunities are highlighted in their weekly "What's New" e-newsletter & posted on the website
<b>The National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF)</b>	<a href="http://www.npsf.org/pcs/r/">http://www.npsf.org/pcs/r/</a>	The National Patient Safety Foundation's Research Grant Program seeks to stimulate new, ground-breaking projects directed toward enhancing patient safety in the United States. Since 1998, NPSF has supported 28 innovative, investigator-driven grants through \$2.8 million in funding. The research program is highly regarded and known for fostering ideas from emerging leaders in the field. The research committee consists of a multi-disciplinary team of distinguished representatives from academia, healthcare institutions, and public and private organizations.	Up to \$100,000	

<b>The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation</b>	<a href="http://www.rwjf.org/grants/">http://www.rwjf.org/grants/</a>	<p>The mission of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is to improve the health and health care of all Americans. As an independent philanthropy devoted to improving health policy and practice, the foundation works with a diverse group of dedicated people and organizations to address problems at their roots and to help make a difference on the widest scale—particularly for vulnerable populations. For projects to be eligible for funding they must address one of the following program areas: childhood obesity; coverage; human capital; pioneer (innovation projects); public health; quality and equality; and vulnerable populations. In 2009, the foundation awarded approximately \$350 million in grants that fell within seven program areas.</p>	Varies	Varies – Calls for Proposals listed on website
<b>Picker Institute</b>	<a href="http://pickerinstitute.org/always-events/">http://pickerinstitute.org/always-events/</a>	<p>Picker Institute sponsors education and research in the field of patient-centered care in cooperation with educational institutions and other interested entities and individuals. The institute’s goal is to foster a broader understanding of the practical and theoretical implications of patient-centered care by approaching healthcare with a focus on the concerns of patients and other healthcare consumers. The board of directors supports the advancement of the patient-centered care science through programs, research and awards that recognize “best practices,” all designed to foster a continued improvement in healthcare from the patient’s perspective ... through the patient’s eyes. The Gold Foundation supports the development and dissemination of innovative medical education that furthers this mission.</p>	Up to \$50,000	Varies
<b>The Commonwealth Fund</b>	<a href="http://www.commonwealthfund.org/Grants-and-Programs.aspx">http://www.commonwealthfund.org/Grants-and-Programs.aspx</a>	<p>The Commonwealth Fund supports independent research on health and social issues and makes grants to improve health care practice and policy. The fund is dedicated to helping people become more informed about their health care and improving care for vulnerable populations such as children, the</p>	Varies	Varies – posted on website & available via e-mail alerts

		elderly, low-income families, minorities, and the uninsured.		
<b>The Aetna Foundation</b>	<a href="http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/apply-for-a-grant/frequently-asked-questions-grants/index.html">http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/apply-for-a-grant/frequently-asked-questions-grants/index.html</a>	The Aetna Foundation is dedicated to promoting wellness, health, and access to high-quality health care. Starting in 2010, the foundation will focus its grant-making efforts to improve health and the health care system in three core program areas: 1) Obesity: To address the rising rate of obesity among U.S. adults and children; 2) Racial and ethnic health care equity: To promote equity in health and health care for common chronic conditions and infant mortality; and 3) Integrated health care: To advance high-quality health care by: a) Improving coordination and communications among health care professionals; b) Creating informed and involved patients; and c) Promoting cost-effective, affordable care.	Up to \$250,000; Depends on number and size of applications	Varies – updated on website
<b>The ABIM Foundation</b>	<a href="http://www.abimfoundation.org/Initiatives/Grant%20Opportunities.aspx">http://www.abimfoundation.org/Initiatives/Grant%20Opportunities.aspx</a>	The ABIM’s strategic goal is to catalyze improvements in health care by advancing medical professionalism. The foundation’s initiatives include programs that: highlight and stimulate organizational and policy forces to advance professional values and behaviors; engage physicians in advancing the quality of care; support new competencies to improve quality; and learn from international comparisons. The ABIM currently has two grant opportunities for qualified applicants: (1) Putting the Charter into Practice Grant - This grant program will facilitate the development of innovative, emerging strategies to advance one or more principles and commitments of the Physician Charter. The ABIM is particularly interested in supporting initiatives that help physicians adhere to the commitment to act as stewards and promote just distribution of finite resources.. (2) The F. Daniel Duffy Small Grant Program - This		

		grant program is intended to support research projects that evaluate how ABIM's Practice Improvement Modules (PIMs) and other quality improvement tools can be used to enhance the training of residents and fellows in those competencies that are essential to modern quality improvement (i.e practice-based learning and improvement and systems-based practice).		
<b>The Arthur Vining Davis Foundation</b>	<a href="http://www.avdf.org/FoundationsPrograms/HealthCare.aspx">http://www.avdf.org/FoundationsPrograms/HealthCare.aspx</a>	Since 1981, the Foundations have focused grants in health care on "caring attitudes." The focus of the caring attitudes effort has recently been expanded to encourage projects at a systemic level that contribute to improving patients' experiences of health care, whether during an outpatient visit or in a hospital setting. Particular areas of interest include projects that promote caring attitudes through: inter-professional collaboration within the health care team; training of health care providers in patient-centered care; and improving the culture of physician education at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Projects designed to leverage improvements in patient care throughout a delivery system will be most competitive. Preference will be given to institutions and organizations with the visibility and organizational capacity to develop programs likely to be replicated nationally.	\$100-200K	Varies
<b>The California Healthcare Foundation</b>	<a href="http://www.chcf.org/grants">http://www.chcf.org/grants</a>	The California HealthCare Foundation works as a catalyst to fulfill the promise of better health care for all Californians. The foundation support ideas and innovations that improve quality, increase efficiency, and lower the costs of care. The Foundation supports projects that are aligned with the objectives of its programs: Better Chronic Disease Care, Innovations for the Underserved, Market and Policy Monitor, and Health Reform and Public Programs Initiative.	Varies	Varies – can search for grants on the website

		The projects funded have relevance to California health, and generally have implications beyond a single institution. While unsolicited requests are accepted by the Foundation, most of its grants are solicited or made through a competitive RFP process.		
<b>Society of Hospital Medicine</b>	<a href="http://www.hospitalmedicine.org">http://www.hospitalmedicine.org</a>	SHM’s mission is to promote the highest quality care for hospitalized patients, as well as provide opportunities and support to hospitalists. SHM’s membership is comprised of approximately 10,000 hospitalists with more than an estimated 30,000 in the hospitalist profession. One of SHM’s many successful quality initiatives is a program called Mentored Implementation. Mentored implementation (MI) is a yearlong program, in which institutions are coached by national experts (Mentors) in implementing a specific quality intervention at their hospital. The goal of SHM’s Mentored Implementation programs is to successfully operationalize the quality interventions at institutions with added support from content experts in the field. The goal of SHM’s Mentored Implementation programs is to successfully operationalize the quality interventions at institutions with added support from content experts in the field.	Varies	Varies
<b>Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation</b>	<a href="http://www.moore.org">http://www.moore.org</a>	Established in September 2000, the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation seeks to advance environmental conservation and scientific research around the world and improve the quality of life in the San Francisco Bay Area. The Foundation is devoted to the inspirational vision articulated by our founders: “creating positive outcomes for future generations”. An example of past awards in healthcare Q/S is the San Francisco Quality Culture Series award. The purpose of this grant is to develop the quality improvement, management, and team work skills of 20 San Francisco safety net clinic management teams. These improved skills will be demonstrated by a completed quality	\$323,000	September

		improvement project by each clinic management team, which will result in improvement in primary care quality indicators.		
<b>American Hospital Association</b>	<a href="http://www.aha.org/aha/news-center/awards/quest-for-quality/index.html">http://www.aha.org/aha/news-center/awards/quest-for-quality/index.html</a>	The goals of The American Hospital Quest for Quality Prize are to raise awareness of the need for a hospital-wide commitment to highly reliable, exceptional quality, patient-centered care; reward successful efforts to develop and promote a systems-based approach toward improvements in quality of care; inspire hospitals to systematically integrate and align their quality improvement efforts throughout the organization; and communicate successful programs and strategies to the hospital field.	Up to \$50,000	Varies
<b>Academy for Healthcare Improvement</b>	<a href="http://www.a4hi.org/?q=node/103">http://www.a4hi.org/?q=node/103</a>	Annual Duncan Neuhauser Curricular Innovation Award to encourage the development and dissemination of original curricular materials pertaining to the teaching of improvement in healthcare. The award is meant to recognize new curricular material that has the potential for significant impact in teaching improvement in healthcare, is innovative in its educational approach, and has the ability to be adopted by other schools, institutions or professions.	First prize: \$500	Varies