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AAAHC Announces 2021–22 Kershner Finalists

The Kershner season is upon us, and AAAHC kicked off the annual celebration of quality improvement (QI) by releasing the names of the six organizations and studies that have been identified as finalists. The 2021–22 finalists were selected by our Expert Panel for their exemplary QI studies.

Three finalists have been chosen in each category, Surgical/Procedural and Primary Care.

Conferences & Exhibits

- **NACHC**
Aug 28–30
- **CASA**
Sep 7–9
- **NAWHC**
Sep 8–9
- **Becker's ASC Business and Operations of ASCs**
Oct 27–28

1095 Learn Live Webinars

- **Road to Success with Kershner QI Award Finalists webinar**
Jun 21 at 11:00 AM CT
- **Virtual Achieving Accreditation**
Aug 1–3

For more information about all of our programs, including *Achieving Accreditation*, please [click here](#)



SURGICAL/PROCEDURAL

- "Prevention of Endophthalmitis" submitted by The Knoxville Ophthalmology ASC, LLC
- "Quality Improvement Study: Clinical Record Compliance Utilizing Preoperative-OR Handoff" submitted by New York Center for Ambulatory Surgery
- "Reducing N95 Mask Reprocessing Discard Rate" submitted by Humble Kingwood Endoscopy Center

PRIMARY CARE

- "Towards a Culture of Best Practice Antibiotic Stewardship: Treatment of Acute Bronchitis" submitted by University Health Services, University of Oregon
- "Telehealth Documentation of Patient Location" submitted by Boynton Health
- "Improving Quality Care Gap Closure Rates in the Primary Care Setting" submitted by Springfield Clinic

We encourage all of our accredited organizations to engage with us in this year's run up to the winners circle. Since 2004, AAAHC has celebrated the achievement of ambulatory health care organizations who have reached an exemplary level of achievement in their QI efforts. Our Kershner QI Award winners serve as a model of excellence and may inspire the next great Kershner submission in your organization.

This year we are providing a number of opportunities to engage with past and current Kershner recipients.

- View the Kershner infographic, "Excellence through the years" on our website which displays all past award recipients. To view visit aaahc.org/Kershnerinfo
- Join us for a Jun 21 webinar on Kershner and QI. Visit aaahc.org/1095Learn to register.
- Attend virtual *Achieving Accreditation* in August or onsite in December at Red Rock Las Vegas to learn about the 2021–22 Kershner winners and to hear finalists discuss their studies and QI.*

*Winners of the Kershner QI Award and the People's Choice will be announced at the Aug 2022 Achieving Accreditation conference. Stay tuned for details.