ANNOUNCEMENT
Call for Applications for Fellows in the
Center for Healthcare Improvement and Patient Safety
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

Description of Program
The mission of the Center for Healthcare Improvement and Patient Safety at the University of Pennsylvania is to advance the field of quality improvement and patient safety in healthcare through research and training. Trainees in this center will receive a degree in the Masters of Science in Health Policy Research (MSHP) program at Penn, with a specific research focus in quality improvement and patient safety.

Health policy research investigates the organization, management, financing, and delivery of health care and the social forces that shape health in the US and the world. Health policy researchers are intrinsically multidisciplinary, using tools from a wide range of scientific disciplines to gain insight into the complex challenges facing health care. The scope of research can extend from the implementation and evaluation of local organizational initiatives to national and even international health policy program evaluation. Core areas of research training include study design, statistical analysis, health economics, and health policy.

This fellowship will specifically prepare graduates for careers in health services and health policy research related to healthcare improvement in academic, government, community, and industry settings. It will also prepare graduates for careers in healthcare administration in which knowledge and leadership in quality improvement and patient safety science are increasingly needed.

Eligibility
Applicants will be physicians completing residency or fellowship training and interested in applying the methods of quality improvement and patient safety research to improve processes and reduce variability in healthcare settings. The program can also be completed as part of a two-year research component of a fellowship or residency.

Application Process
Interested residents, fellows, or faculty should send curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, and a personal statement stating your clinical background, research and quality interests, and reasons for pursuing this fellowship to Jennifer Myers MD, Director of Training Programs for the Center for Healthcare Improvement and Patient Safety. Applications will be accepted up until December 15, 2011

Additional information about the Masters in Health Policy program can be found at http://www.med.upenn.edu/mshp/application.shtml. Additional information about the CHIPS fellowship can be found at http://www.med.upenn.edu/chips/ Questions about the fellowship program or center should be directed to Dr. Myers at jennifer.myers@uphs.upenn.edu