The Health Collaborative is now accepting nominations for five award categories through Friday, August 6. Finalists will be announced at the end of August and recognized at the Finalist Breakfast on August 19 at The Metropolitan Club. Winners will be chosen from a competitive pool of finalists and recognized at the November 11 Inspire | Healthcare event at The Duke Energy Center. Nominations can be submitted at healthcollab.org/inspire.

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<td>The Diversity and Inclusion Award celebrates the individual or organization committed to inclusiveness and advocacy for under-represented and minority populations and for people of diverse cultures, backgrounds, and experiences in its overall policies, practices, and partnerships. Strong preference will be given to those individuals or health systems that have shown a public commitment and transparency toward improving their diversity and inclusion efforts.</td>
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| Gen-H Award                        | The Gen-H Award recognizes an individual, team, or organization that has demonstrated progress on three key goals to create a region that is healthy by design:  
- Addressing social determinants of health  
- Designing healthcare that is more accessible, coordinated, continuous, and comprehensive  
- Empowering community-based health and wellness initiatives  
This award also seeks to recognize compelling programs, policies, system-level or environmental change strategies to improve community health. |
| Healthcare Technology Award        | The Healthcare Technology Award acknowledges the individual, team, or organization that has applied a technology solution to an ongoing challenge. It recognizes the most compelling new innovations to deliver better health, improve care, increase workflow efficiency, and/or lower costs. Nominees must |
measurably improve significant business and/or clinical processes that positively impact health and/or patient care. Submissions must include a brief description of the following:
- Why is this project worthy of recognition?
- How has it achieved a high business or clinical value?
- How has it improved patient care or overall efficiency?
- How does it differ from other solutions in the field?

### Richard M. Smith MD Leadership in Quality Improvement Award

For the history of the Richard M. Smith MD Leadership in Quality Improvement award, please visit healthcollab.org/inspire. This award is given to the individual or team that has gone above & beyond normal job expectations to identify an opportunity to improve patient care and safety. Operating under the principles of quality improvement, candidates must have developed and executed a successful intervention supported by evidence.

Nominations must include a brief description of your nominee's work as it pertains to this award category, as well as a description of the impact resulting from this work in terms of measurable outcomes. For example:
- How does this project exemplify commitment to quality improvement with an eye on innovation, sustainability and scale?
- Describe what principles of quality improvement supported this effort
- How has it improved patient care, safety and/or efficiency?
- How has it improved the experience of care?
- How does it differ from other solutions in the field?

### HOXWORTH AWARDS (nominations not accepted)

#### Hoxworth Award of Distinction
Each year, hospitals are assigned goals of blood units to collect. The Award of Distinction is given to the hospital that is most outstanding for blood collection efforts.

#### Hoxworth Most Improved Award
The Most Improved Award is a simple comparison of which hospital improved most over its previous year's blood collection effort.

#### Hoxworth Blood Drive Coordinator of the Year Award
The Blood Drive Coordinator of the Year highlights the person (or team) that went above and beyond to help with their individual hospital's blood drive campaign, demonstrating outstanding leadership in blood drive coordination.