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MEDICINE NEEDS VICTORS



Propelling Health Care Forward

IHPI's Innovation Fund



The NEED

Our nation's health care system faces tremendous challenges and even greater opportunities as we strive to improve quality and safety, reduce costs, and increase access to medical services across the board. Health care executives and government policymakers are seeking transformational ideas followed by solid guidance as new approaches are tested and implemented on a broad scale. The U-M Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation (IHPI) has been designed to meet that demand — and to enhance the health and well-being of local, national and global populations.

The VISION

IHPI has brought together one of the world's largest communities of physicians, health scientists and policy analysts studying how health care works and how it can be improved. More than 400 health service researchers from across the university work with researchers from not-for-profit and private-sector organizations. These interdisciplinary teams focus on four key priorities: evaluating the impact of health care reform, promoting greater value in health care, improving the health of communities, and innovating in information technology and care delivery.

The OPPORTUNITY

Our researchers have launched an innovative, patient-centered program to help individuals better prepare for surgery, reducing recovery times and improving health outcomes. They have partnered with researchers in California to lower the incidences of sepsis, which contributes to more than half of all hospital deaths. And they have analyzed data on nearly 14,000 surgery patients in Michigan and found that those on Medicaid arrive at the hospital in worse health, experience more complications, stay longer and cost more than patients with private insurance. What we have learned will have a profound impact on patient care. These are just a few examples of a vast array of IHPI research projects that are altering the organization, financing and delivery of health care.

To advance this work and accelerate the pace of progress, we have established the IHPI Innovation Fund. The fund fuels interdisciplinary research within IHPI's priority areas; enables us to issue challenges to help solve health care's thorniest problems; and supports innovative training programs to improve the quality, safety, equity and affordability of health care.

It also is the core vehicle for funding the development of a translational data hub that will be used by researchers across disease and specialty areas. In this age of health care reform, the need for data on what works, for whom, at what cost, and under what circumstances is critical. It requires access to very large data sets, which are often too expensive for a single department or research team to purchase and maintain. The IHPI Innovation Fund will enable us to assemble and keep current complex, disparate data sets that can be used by researchers across the university. It will encourage researchers to ask novel questions that will close gaps in care and increase access, improve patient health and well-being, reform health care financing, reduce costs, and improve value in health care. It will greatly enhance IHPI's ability to reimagine health care and for U-M to lead the way toward solutions that benefit all.

YOU CAN BE A VICTOR

Gifts to the IHPI Innovation Fund will be used to encourage creative thinking and problem-solving and to drive the most promising and transformative health care projects forward. With your support, we can accelerate health care toward a better future.

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