

Alabama's Hospitals



Demographics of Alabama's Hospitals




- 101 Acute care hospitals
- 706,442 inpatient admissions
- 7.5 million outpatient visits

Economic impact of hospitals

- Total of almost \$15 billion
- \$3373 for every Alabamian



	Jobs provided
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Hospital jobs statewide – 65,221■ Additional jobs – 86,757■ Total statewide 151,977 

	Having quality health care in Alabama
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Quality has always been critical■ Evidence-based medicine■ Improving technology■ More consumer involvement

	Alabama's quality focus
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Task force begun four years ago■ Quality forums-95% Hospital participation■ Sharing of best practices■ Raise all boats

	Quality focus ...
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ CMS's Clinical Process Measures<ul style="list-style-type: none">- All Alabama Hospitals Participating■ HCAHPS-Patient Satisfaction Survey<ul style="list-style-type: none">- AL ranked #1 in 8 of 10 composite measures

	Quality focus ...
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Introduced a survey tool that each hospital could use to assess confidentially its status■ Utilize aggregated results to prioritize statewide actions and initiatives■ Create tools, processes, and best practices to address prioritized actions from assessment

	Quality focus ...
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Creating a culture of safety■ Getting at the root of problems■ Flex Grant used for Train the Trainer■ Standardization of armbands supported by the Flex Grant Program■ Incorporating Quality/Patient Safety training in Nursing/Allied Health Education

	<h2>Preventing infections</h2>

	<h2>Rural Quality Network</h2>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Desire to bring AL's 28 flex hospitals to the table ■ 2009 Grant Guidelines ■ Current Grant assists creation of Rural Quality Network <p>Purpose: Share information, resources, tools with the goal of improving performance on Core Measures</p>

	<h2>Rural Quality Network</h2>
	<p>Where are we today?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Two meetings held ■ Core Measures Selected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PN-2, HF-1, and HF-2 ■ Created Listserv to share resources ■ Shared Best Practices & Barriers ■ Developed individual survey tool to track process ■ Moving in the right direction!

	Questions?
