

## **Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI)**

*Building effective partnerships to create more efficient and patient-centered health care systems*

**Organization Description:** IHI is a private, non-profit organization that was founded in 1991 to improve health care worldwide by providing tools and resources to partner organizations through training sessions, conferences, and advisory services. They also organize partnership networks to develop and refine health reform concepts. Most of their programs and activities entail partnering with other organizations and leaders in the health care industry.

**Proposal Summary:** IHI does not have a specific health reform agenda but collaborates with other organizations to cultivate promising concepts for improving patient care. Their global scope of health care work involves improving safety, efficiency, equity, and effectiveness.

- *Wellness & Prevention:* One of IHI's goals is to prevent needless deaths. IHI works closely with hospitals to implement proven interventions for avoiding preventable deaths. IHI works to improve service delivery efficiencies to save more lives, provide better care, and improve patient safety.
- *Care Coordination:* IHI seeks to improve care coordination and preventive services for chronic diseases.
- *Quality:* IHI focuses on improving quality of care in order to prevent deaths and create a more patient-centered health care system. Their work generally involves collaborating with hospitals to develop metrics and best practices for better quality of care. Their 100,000 Lives Campaign has enlisted over 3,100 hospitals to implement changes in patient care and prevent avoidable deaths in the hospital setting.

**Proposal Date:** 2006, 2007

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