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Nominators had this to say:

“The Housestaff Quality Council© has proven to be a prime example of how successfully engaged residents help the hospital fully understand and address quality and safety challenges. Their innovative approach to multidisciplinary communication and teamwork has resulted in significant progress in numerous initiatives that have improved patient care, including compliance with medication reconciliation, changing physician behavior to reduce Never Events, and using the hospital's electronic medical record to improve accuracy of lab ordering. “

“Among many other initiatives, they launched the Patient Safety Awareness Campaign in July 2009 to raise awareness about how easily medical errors can occur and to draw attention to identifying processes to prevent errors.”

“When the idea of an HQC was proposed, I thought, though a good idea in theory, it would never fly. I could not have been more wrong. Since its inception, the HQC, whose mission is to improve patient care by involving housestaff in quality and patient safety (QPS) initiatives, has used innovative strategies to communicate with, invigorate, and most importantly actively involve our house staff. They have succeeded so much so that they are consulted about QPS issues by all in hospital and physician administration from the CEO down.”