

Dr. Terry O'Malley Named 'Home Care Champion'

Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts Honors Dr. O'Malley at Awards Ceremony



Boston, MA – Dr. Terrence O'Malley, the Medical Director for Partners HealthCare At Home and Spaulding Rehabilitation Network has been named "Home Care Champion" of the year by the Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts. Dr. O'Malley is one of five awardees who were honored for their exemplary work at the Home Care Innovations Showcase and Awards Ceremony held on December 7th at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston.

Transition from hospital to home has been a major focus for Dr. O'Malley. His expertise has been critical to crafting a statewide electronic health information document with home care data which could become a national template that will provide appropriate information hand-off during care transitions. This effort is part of Dr. O'Malley's work as a key member of the advisory team for the IMPACT Project (Improving Massachusetts Post Acute Care Transfers). This statewide group is charged with utilizing a \$1.7 million federal grant to reduce unnecessary care, prevent avoidable hospitalizations, and improve the efficiency of care transitions by looping home health agencies and other providers into an electronic health information exchange.

"As someone who not only fully recognizes the value of home care, but actively advocates for its use in reducing unnecessary hospitalizations, Dr. O'Malley has become an important ally and spokesman for home care providers," said Home Care Alliance Executive Director Patricia Kelleher. "He knows that patients prefer to be cared for at home where they are most comfortable, but his work has ensured that people will be prepared to transition from the hospital to their home with much less of a chance that they will return to the hospital."

"Dr. O'Malley is a true advocate for advancing patient care outside of hospital and clinic walls, in the setting most preferred by the patient," said Susan Beausoliel, vice president of Operations, Partners HealthCare at Home. "We congratulate him for being recognized for his contributions that improve both care delivery and quality of life for our patients."

About the Home Care Alliance:

With a mission to unite people and organizations to advance community health through care and services in the home, the Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts is a non-profit trade association and advocacy group providing representation, education, communication, advocacy and – ultimately – a voice for the state's home health industry. Founded in 1969, the Alliance represents nearly 200 home care and home health agencies. For more information, visit www.thinkhomecare.org.

About Partners HealthCare at Home

Partners HealthCare at Home is one of the region's largest non-profit home health care providers, offering a full array of home based services in homes, assisted living communities, and nursing homes throughout Eastern Massachusetts. The organization is committed to delivering the highest quality services available at home – where the comfort and security of familiar surroundings greatly enhance quality of life. PHH has been named to HomeCare Elite, a list of the nation's leading home health agencies. Member of Partners HealthCare, founded by Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital. For more information visit www.partnersathome.org.

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