

INNOVATION UNIT



We are writing with some exciting news and are pleased to share that Barbara Blakeney, RN, MS, FNAP, innovation specialist, The MGH Center for Innovations in Care Delivery, has been selected to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) Innovation Advisors Program. The initiative, launched by the CMS Innovation Center in October 2011, is designed to help health professionals deepen skills that will drive improvements to patient care and reduce costs.

Selected through a highly competitive process, Barbara is one of 73 individuals from 27 States and the District of Columbia who will be participating in the Innovation Advisors Program. After an initial orientation phase, Innovation Advisors will work with the CMS Innovation Center to test new models of care delivery in their own organizations and communities. They will also create partnerships to find new ideas that work and then share these regionally and throughout the United States.

Closer to home, Barbara is involved in the MGH Patient Care Services "Innovation Unit Pilots." This initiative involves 12 MGH patient care units that are focused on designing, testing, validating and replicating innovation in care delivery that will result in transformational change and outcomes. Barbara will be bringing the "lessons learned" from the work of these units to the national dialogue through her CMS involvement.

Please join us in congratulating Barbara as she represents MGH and the innovations underway throughout the hospital and Patient Care Services.

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