

# ADVISORY COUNCIL

## **OUR STORY**

#### What is HMS?

The Michigan Hospital Medicine Safety Consortium (HMS) is a dynamic, data-driven collaborative dedicated to enhancing patient safety and quality of care across the state of Michigan. Sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, HMS is comprised of 69 hospitals statewide to improve quality of care for hospitalized medical patients who are at risk for adverse events, specifically targeting conditions such as Pneumonia, Urinary Tract Infection (UTI), and/or Sepsis.

HMS is designed to build the capacity to evaluate and improve the care of a broad group of patients not generally targeted in other consortia: the hospitalized adult medical patients. As a testament to the power of our data-driven collaborative, HMS aims to improve the quality care of hospitalized medical patients through; consortium building, tool and process refinement, evaluating and understanding current practice and implementation improvement strategies and evaluate change over time.

## Who is Georgiann Ziegler?

Our council is named in honor of Georgiann Ziegler, HMS' first patient advocate. Georgiann herself experienced multiple PICC line placements and other medical interventions. Throughout her journey, Georgiann offered critical perspectives on the patient experience, advocating for improvements that directly benefited our collaborative. Her legacy in patient advocacy underscores the importance of listening to those we serve, making her the perfect namesake for our council.

## **Our Mission**

We partner with hospitals and clinicians across Michigan to advance care quality and safety for hospitalized medical patients using robust clinical data, dissemination of best practices, facilitated implementation, and creation of new knowledge



### **Our Vision**

HMS will be the home and trusted partner for hospital-based medical quality and safety efforts in Michigan and serve as a national model for patient-centered, multidisciplinary, data-driven quality improvement