



In the Spotlight



2013 Distinguished Service Award Winner

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Anne Bobb is currently the Administrator for Clinical Quality Excellence at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, where her responsibilities include oversight of Clinical Informatics and Performance Improvement in an academic medical center serving both inpatient and ambulatory pediatric patients. Her current role supports the concept of accelerating improvement in patient outcomes with the synergistic science and tools of both performance improvement and clinical informatics.

Anne received her BS in Pharmacy from the University of Rhode Island School of Pharmacy. She has over 15 years of experience as a clinical staff pharmacist in a variety of clinical settings in academic medical centers, including a total of 20 years of employment at Northwestern Memorial Hospital (NMH) in Chicago. Her years as a staff pharmacist were the best and most important part of the education that has enabled Anne to pursue her interests in improving patient outcomes.

After leaving direct patient care, Anne was part of a multidisciplinary patient safety research team studying the causes and outcomes of medical error and possible prevention strategies, including health information technology (HIT). This transitioned into a role in clinical informatics, where Anne and her team represented the voice of the patient and the clinician, and worked to optimize clinical information system design, workflow and integration as well as promoting optimal use of clinical decision support. Anne moved to Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago in 2011 in a similar role and has since expanded her responsibilities in leveraging technology and performance improvement methods to improve healthcare outcomes.

Anne is active in several national professional associations. She served on the ASHP Sectional of Pharmacy Informatics and Technology (SOPIT) Executive Committee from 2009 to 2011 and

continues to participate in various SOPIT Advisory Groups. She is a member of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) and has been a member of the HIMSS Quality Cost Safety Committee for the past 2 years. Anne served as the HIMSS Clinical Decision Support Task Force Chair in 2013. Anne has delivered many posters, papers and presentations on medication safety and HIT, including presentations in Spain and Portugal, and has participated in national collaboratives on unintended consequences of EHRs.

Anne resides in the Chicago suburbs with her husband and two children and feels lucky to go to a job every day that she loves.