



The John A. Hartford Foundation

Dedicated to Improving the Care of Older Adults

Who We Are:

The John A. Hartford Foundation, based in New York City, is a private, nonpartisan, national philanthropy dedicated to improving the care of older adults. The organization has been the leader in building a field of experts in aging and testing and replicating innovative approaches to care. The Foundation has three areas of emphasis: building [age-friendly health systems](#), supporting [family caregivers](#), and improving [serious illness and end-of-life care](#).

The Foundation was established in 1929 to do the greatest good for the greatest number of people. That was the guidance of its founders, brothers John and George Hartford, executives of the A&P grocery store chain. Since 1982, The John A. Hartford Foundation has invested more than half a billion dollars in grants focused exclusively on aging and health.

What We Believe:

Working with our grantees, we strive to change the status quo and create a society where older adults can continue their vital contributions. Older adults should receive high-value, evidence-based health care that treats them with respect and dignity, and meets their goals and preferences. It's not just the right thing to do; it's an economic imperative. Adults over age 65 [account for](#) 35 percent of all hospital days and 26 percent of all doctor visits. Poor-quality care harms older patients, causes families to suffer, and wastes money.

How We Are Transforming Care:

We are committed to spreading evidence-based models of care that dramatically improve care for older adults—and cut costs:

- ✓ A program we support to provide primary care for frail older adults in home settings saved Medicare more than \$10 million—an average of \$1,010 per beneficiary—while delivering higher-quality patient care.
- ✓ We also helped develop a program to reduce delirium in hospitalized patients that is preventing an estimated 1,500 cases a year at just one participating hospital, with overall annual savings of \$7 million.
- ✓ In 2017, we launched the Age Friendly Health Systems initiative in partnership with the [Institute for Healthcare Improvement](#), the [American Hospital Association](#), and the [Catholic Health Association](#) to develop and test an innovative, tailored model of care for older patients in five health systems covering 40 states. The goal: bringing age-friendly health care to 20 percent of U.S. hospitals and health systems by 2020.

Ask us about these programs, and other ways we are improving care for older adults.