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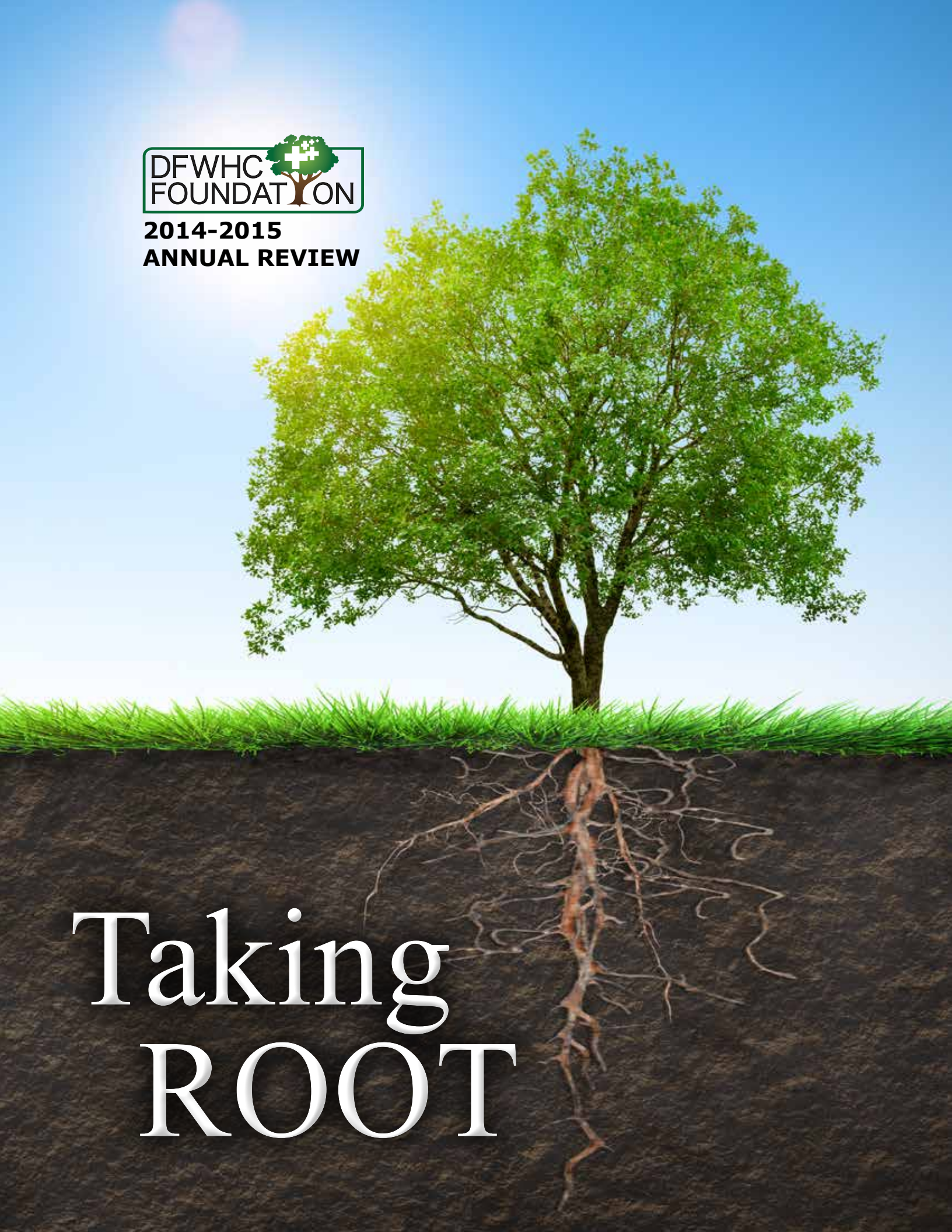

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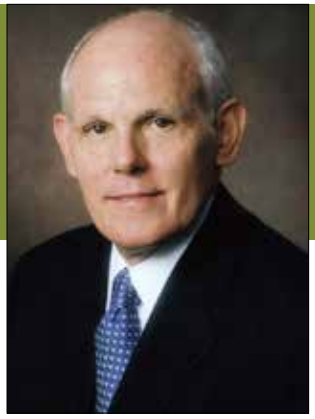

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We couldn't have done it without you

FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS THE LOGO IMAGE of the DFW Hospital Council Foundation (DFWHC Foundation) has included a tree, symbolizing our efforts through data and research to branch out into the community to assist in the pursuit of a quality life. Our efforts started small. Today, they have taken root and achieved results because of your assistance. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn."

Simply put, we couldn't have done it without you.

With humble gratitude, we dedicate this year's DFWHC Foundation Annual Review to you. We could not begin to accomplish our projects without our partners, colleagues and friends. Our goals in the community have grown because of you.

This Annual Review will focus on this journey in addition to our partners who make the community a healthier place. We would like to thank you for volunteering your time and talents. Without your crucial assistance, our community would be stagnant, lacking innovation and growth. Your dedication is a ray of light nurturing our residents to live healthier lives. You are a beacon of hope.

The DFWHC Foundation can never repay your generosity. It is equally impossible for our residents to repay your dedication towards their well-being. Because of you, our projects have taken root, our efforts have grown strong and our goals are now within reach. Thank you for your offerings and support.

"A man's indebtedness is not virtue; his repayment is. Virtue begins when he dedicates himself actively to the job of gratitude." – Ruth Benedict, U.S. Anthropologist and Author ■

DFWHC FOUNDATION

The **DFW Hospital Council Foundation** was established in 1968 as a non-profit corporation to promote safe, high quality, cost effective, accessible and equitable healthcare. A 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, the Foundation works under the DFW Hospital Council umbrella. The Foundation was established to answer the need for high quality data to measure healthcare improvement.

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This year's Annual Review is dedicated to the memory of **Dr. Ron Anderson**, one of the DFW Hospital Council Foundation's most dedicated partners in Public and Community Health. He will be missed.

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Community, Public and Population Health

Where We've Been

FORGED OVER A YEAR AGO, the North Texas Community Health Collaborative (CHC) is 32 residents with expertise in public health, data analysis and strategic planning. This elite team is working towards understanding health and disease disparities in the community while creating plans to promote healthier lives. By utilizing data provided by the DFW Hospital Council Foundation, North Texas areas with high levels of diabetes have been identified. The CHC is converging on these areas to focus on diabetes prevention and management. In addition, the CHC has developed a Diabetes Strategic Plan.

On June 18 and November 12, 2014, CHC met with community leaders to share information regarding high levels of diabetes in zip codes 75227 in Dallas and 76112 and 76119 in Fort Worth. These meetings resulted in the creation of a diabetes resource list for each community including local resources to help with diabetes prevention. ■

Roy C. Brooks (l to r), Gyna Bivens and Gerald Joubert.

Dr. Lori Millner of the DFW Area Health Education Center.

Shenequal Robertson of the American Diabetes Association.

Where We're Growing

IN 2015, THE NORTH TEXAS COMMUNITY HEALTH COLLABORATIVE (CHC) is developing culturally and linguistically appropriate educational audio visuals to address diabetes disparities in the community. The CHC team is working with community leaders to launch an awareness campaign to educate residents on diabetes prevention, management and treatment.

For access to these community health resources, please visit the DFW Hospital Council Foundation's community health website at **www.healthyntexas.org**. ■

Information and Quality Services Center

Where We've Been

IN 2014, EIGHT SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES (SNF) joined the Information and Quality Services Center (IQSC) including:

- Presbyterian Communities & Services - Grace Presbyterian Village;
- Presbyterian Communities & Services - Presbyterian Village;
- C.C. Young - Dallas;
- Legacy Senior Communities - The Legacy at Willow Bend;
- Legacy Senior Communities - The Legacy at Preston Hollow;
- Christian Care Centers - Lakewood Village Retirement Community;
- Christian Care Centers – Healthcare Center, Mesquite;
- Juliette Fowler Communities - Pearl Nordan Care Center.

This was the first time IQSC worked with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Minimum Data Set (MDS), a file with more than 1,000 new elements than administrative data collected from hospitals. The IQSC's goal is to define new metrics both regional hospitals and SNF's can agree upon. ■

IQSC 2014 Statistics

Data

4.8 million patient encounters processed

45 million patient encounters in warehouse

10 million patients identified

86 facilities submitting data

Consulting

500 hours of education and training

2200 hours of consulting and support

Research

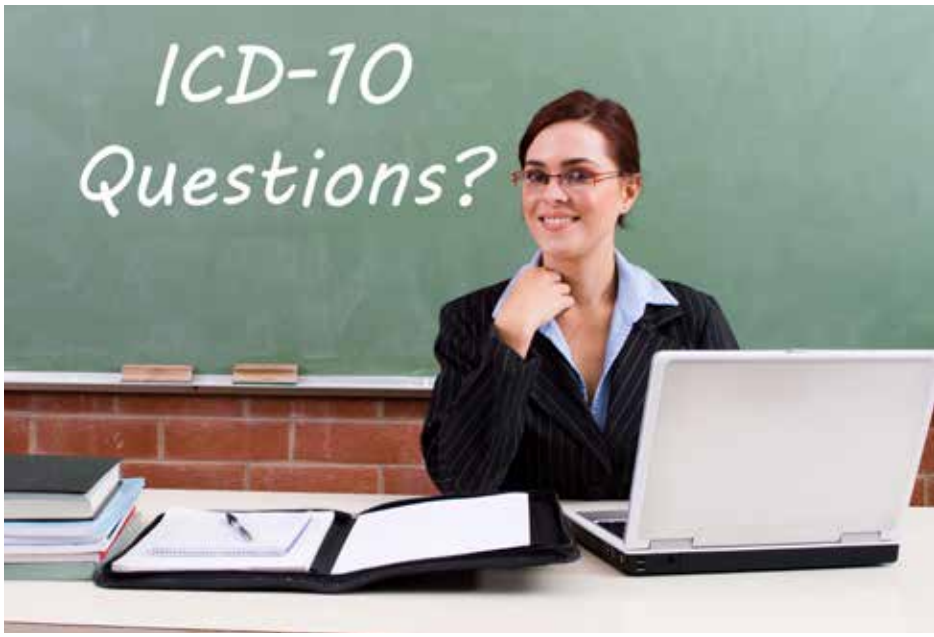
15 new research requests supported

Where We're Growing

THE INFORMATION AND QUALITY SERVICES CENTER (IQSC) has partnered with Jvion to assist hospitals with achieving ICD-10 compliance. Jvion provides tools for ICD-10 analysis. IQSC will soon be ready to start testing ICD-10 compliant files for hospitals' state data submissions.

The Texas Health Care Information Collection (THCIC) Agency's compliance for ICD-10 corresponds with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' deadline of Oct. 1, 2015. IQSC will continue to communicate state requirements and deadlines as they are released.

The IQSC is also creating an ICD-10 workgroup consisting of local experts to assist in defining maps from ICD-10 to ICD-9. The group's goal is to create universal mapping approved by regional hospitals.



PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS

The DFW Hospital Council Foundation and the Information and Quality Services Center has partnered with Jvion to rollout new analytic capabilities to member hospitals. This partnership allows hospitals to discover additional quality initiatives while reducing care cost. Jvion's tools include:

- Population Explorer;
- Population Risk Strategy;
- Readmission Analytics;
- Quality Metrics;
- Disease and Condition Level Analytics.

The partnership allows this package to be available to hospitals at a significantly lower rate than market value.

POST-ACUTE CARE COMMITTEE

Working with the Information and Quality Services Center (IQSC), the North Texas Health Information and Quality Collaborative (NTHIQC) created the Post-Acute Care Committee (PAC), a team designed to work with post-acute care data. The committee will establish metrics for improving patient satisfaction, quality of care and cost reductions. The committee will consist of hospital experts from acute care, Skilled Nursing Facilities and long-term care providers.

For information on IQSC, please contact Theresa Mendoza at **tmendoza@dfwhcfoundation.org**. ■

North Texas Regional Extension Center

Where We've Been

PHYSICIAN DATA ANALYTICS PROJECT

The North Texas Regional Extension Center (NTREC) developed a physician data analytics system to complement the inpatient data analytics program. This created the first vertical and horizontal data analytics tool following patients across all areas of care from physician office to the hospital and back, as well as from primary care physicians to specialists. The system allows researchers to identify health disparities and design prevention programs.

DSHS HYPERTENSION AND DIABETES PROJECT

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) obtained the grant "State Public Health Actions to Prevent and Control Diabetes, Heart Disease, Obesity and Associated Risk Factors and Promote School Health (CDC)."

Goals of the grant:

- Improve prevention and control of hypertension;
- Improve prevention and control of diabetes, and;
- Improve prevention and control of overweight and obesity.

The North Texas Regional Extension Center (NTREC) received a contract related to the grant from DSHS to increase the use of technology in the treatment and prevention of hypertension, pre-diabetes and diabetes. This will benefit the community in improving overall treatment and patient management. ■

Where We're Growing

NTREC
North Texas Regional Extension Center

GRANTS & OPPORTUNITIES

TRANSFORMING CLINICAL PRACTICE INITIATIVE (TCPI) GRANT
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has issued the Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPI) grant. Funding is focused on the transformation of thousands of clinician practices to deliver better care at lower costs.

The Texas Coalition for Practice Transformation was formed to apply for the grant. The team includes the four Texas Regional Extension Centers (RECs), quality improvement organizations, hospitals, medical schools and physician groups. The coalition is led by the Texas Hospital Association.

The coalition's goals include:

- Clinicians achieving practice transformation;
- Reducing unnecessary hospitalizations; and
- Improving outcomes for Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries.

If obtained, the four-year grant begins in July and will target 8,700 physicians across 254 Texas counties.

ONC WORKFORCE TRAINING GRANT
The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology's (ONC) Workforce Training to Educate Health Care Professionals in Health Information Technology grant will establish medical health informatics to promote health information technologies.

A Health Informatics Curriculum and Training for Transformation team was formed by the UT School of Biomedical Informatics at Houston and the Gulf Coast Regional Extension Center (REC). CentrEast REC, North Texas REC, New Mexico Health Information Collaborative, OFMQ of Oklahoma, Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care and the Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum will also participate.

These partners will train employees when using health IT systems while improving quality of care.

This two-year grant begins in July and will target 2,200 healthcare employees from Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. ■

Quality and Patient Safety

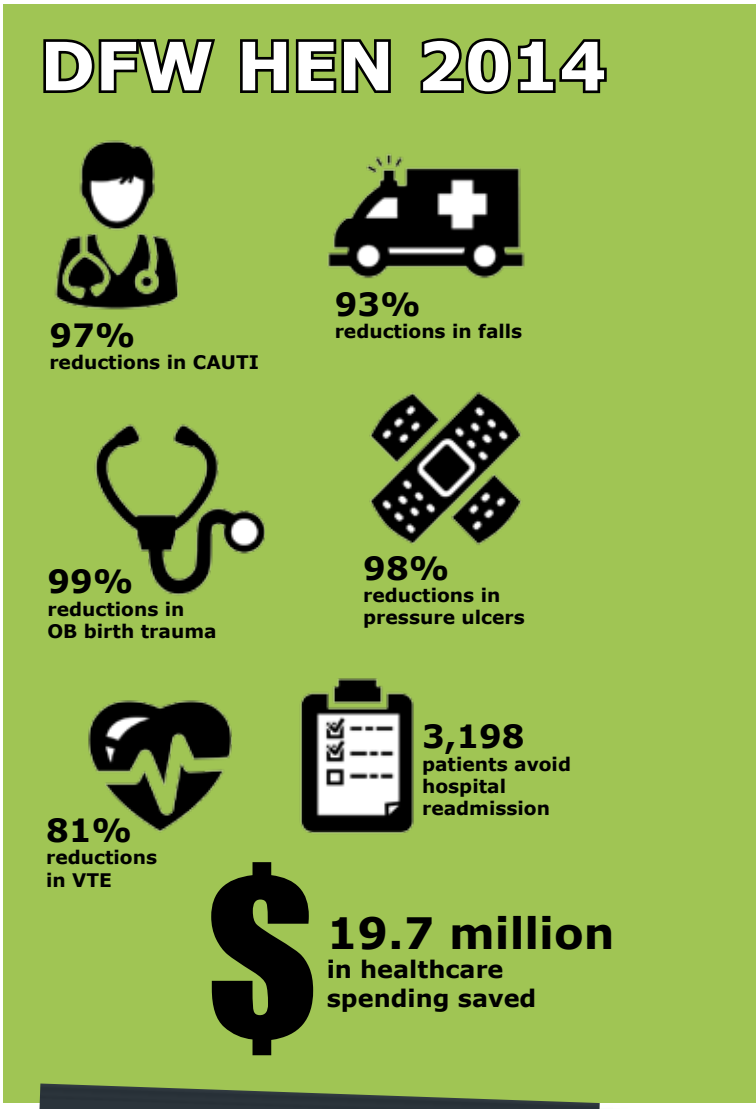
Where We've Been

PATIENT SAFETY SUMMIT 2014
The Seventh Annual Patient Safety Summit was held August 13-14, 2014 at the Irving Convention Center. A total of 233 attendees participated. Sessions were hosted by experts from across the U.S. on topics to improve patient safety and decrease patient harm.

HOSPITAL ENGAGEMENT NETWORK (HEN)
Contracted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), DFW Hospital Council Foundation participated as a Hospital Engagement Network (HEN) from 2011-2014 to decrease patient harm and readmissions. The 26 HEN's nationwide had a 17 percent reduction in Hospital Acquired Conditions (HACs), avoided $12 Billion in healthcare spending, had 1.3 million fewer patient harms and saved 50,000 lives.

DFW HEN hospitals had 97 percent reductions in catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI), 93 percent reductions in falls, 99 percent reductions in OB birth trauma, 98 percent reductions in pressure ulcers and 81 percent reductions in Venous Thrombolism (VTE). DFW HEN saved an estimated $19.7 million in healthcare spending and helped 3,198 patients avoid readmission to hospitals.

CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE CAMPAIGN (C-DIFF)
The DFW HEN launched the "C-diff" campaign in 2014, consisting of public service announcements, a website (www.STOPCDiffNow.org) and television commercials. Clinically, researchers swabbed the surfaces of patient areas in 33 facilities looking for C-diff, with an expert providing results and education. There were 20,000 visits to the website. Social media sites received 44,000 clicks. The campaign reached 90 percent of the target population aged 45-plus. The Quality and Patient Safety staff will continue to provide C-diff education through brochures and the website will remain active. The C-diff campaign received two MarCom Platinum Awards, the highest honor in the competition for video and commercial. The campaign also received three Davey Awards for website, print and video commercial. ■



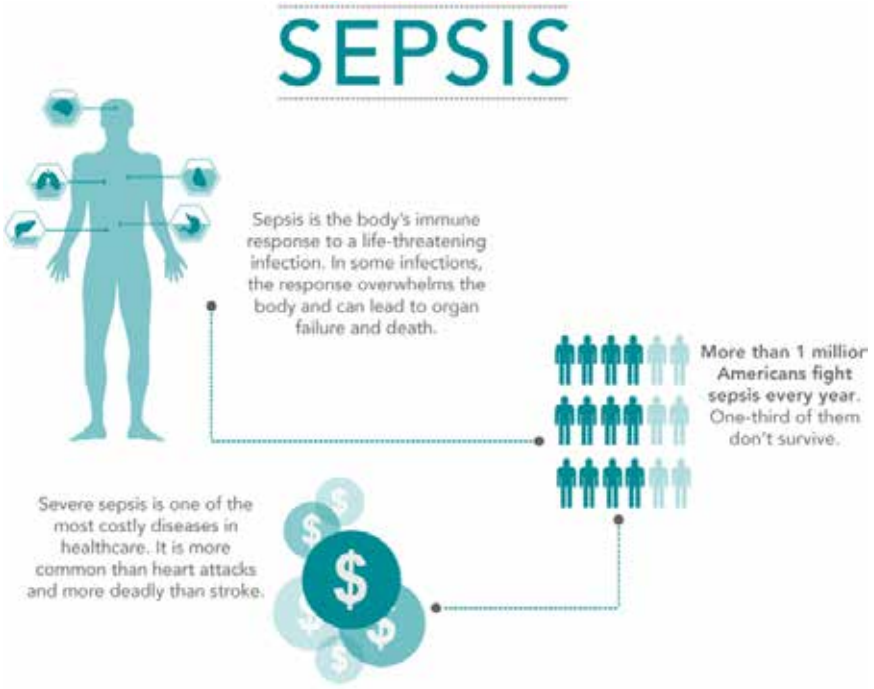
Where We're Growing

Qualaris

THE PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY COMMITTEE (PSQC) has developed two major goals for 2015:

1) Analyze Hospital Acquired Conditions (HAC's) data from DFW Hospital Council members and determine the top two HAC's requiring attention, with the committee determining best practices and disseminating to hospitals.

2) Develop a Sepsis study by analyzing mortality data of area hospitals' and using best practices to develop a program that would be rolled out in 2016.



QUALARIS HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS
The PQSC is evaluating new software by Qualaris Healthcare Solutions (qualaris.com) with a goal of transforming North Texas best practices in safe care delivery.

The PSQC will decide a single topic given to participating hospitals free of charge. Hospitals may also choose an additional topic for free. The Qualaris Software turns manual checklists into an automated system that generates reports instantly to help facilities drill down to problem areas. Evaluation results will be reported to the PSQC.

2015 PATIENT SAFETY SUMMIT
The Eighth Annual Patient Safety Summit will be held Aug. 5, 2015 at the Marriott Las Colinas. This year's theme is "First Do No Harm," with topics involving hospital acquired conditions and infections. Multiple speakers will be on hand including a patient advocate nurse who will share first-hand experiences in a presentation titled "Stop, look and listen- I am someone's loved one." CE's will be available. ■

Research

Where We've Been

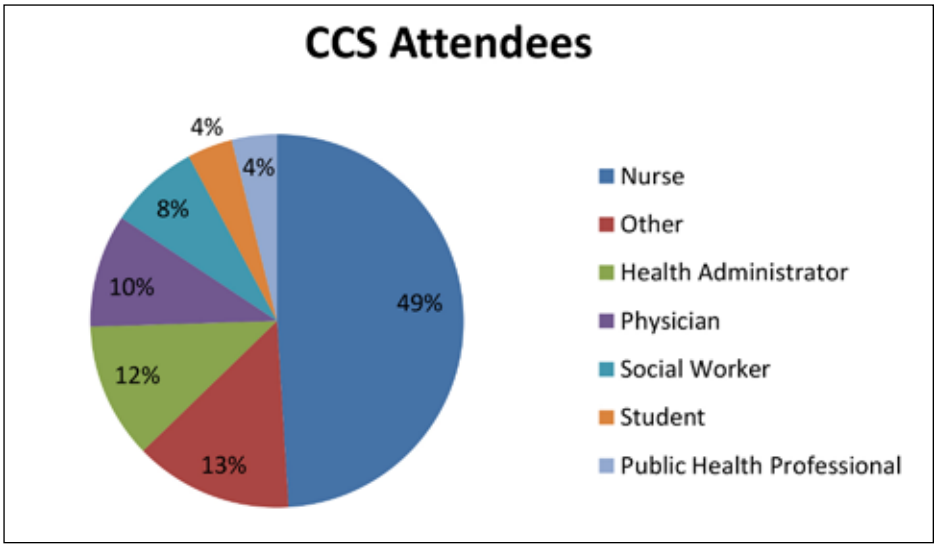
REMPI
The DFW Hospital Council Foundation (DFWHC Foundation) Research Department, with the support of member hospitals, has invested considerable time in developing the Regional Enterprise Master Patient Index (REMPI). REMPI is a unique data tool used to track patients across hospitals and health systems. Hospitals, universities and community partners have found it invaluable when evaluating health outcomes and conducting access, quality and cost studies.

In 2014, the Research Department experienced a substantial increase in the use of REMPI, with 14 requests received. These requests were reviewed by the North Texas Healthcare Information and Quality Collaborative (NTHIQC), a committee of hospital representatives charged with overseeing the use of the data asset.

NTHIQC approved use of REMPI to conduct studies in social services for the elderly, chronic condition management and cardiac surgery risks, to name a few.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY SYMPOSIUM
The Research Department hosted its first Cultural Competency Symposium (CCS) on July 30, 2014 at UT Arlington. More than 140 attendees from more than 25 healthcare and educational organizations attended. In partnership with The Joint Commission, UNT Health Science Center, area hospitals and other community partners, the CCS provided education and training focused on providing culturally and linguistically appropriate services. Such efforts in North Texas are expected to advance health equity, improve quality care and eliminate disparities.

The Cultural Competency Symposium, July 30, 2014.



Using the standards developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health, speakers engaged local leaders through panels. Best practices were explored regarding governance, communication, language assistance, improvement and accountability.

The CCS full-day event provided a rare opportunity for dialogue between health systems, community leaders and religious organizations. Future initiatives were determined to establish a culturally and linguistically diverse workforce that better meets needs of the region's population. ■

Where We're Growing

REMPI

Requests to use REMPI are on track to more than double in 2015. During the first three months of the year, the Research Department has received seven requests. Data analysis and results of these REMPI projects will continue through 2015. Results will provide North Texas with a better understanding of how healthcare access and quality can be improved. ■

Texas Quality Initiative

Where We've Been

The year 2014 was one of growth for the Texas Quality Initiative (TQI). Participating hospitals recognized data analysis alone of the TQI registry and Regional Enterprise Master Patient Index (REMPI) would not address the complex multifactorial issues inherent to improving performance. As a way to address the intricate issues, a Regional Cardiac Surgery Performance Improvement (RCSPI) initiative was developed. The RCSPI initiative includes discrete efforts to further achieve the TQI mission, which is to improve the quality and safety of care for cardiovascular surgery patients. ■

Where We're Growing

Through implementation of the RCSPI initiative, the TQI will advance quality improvement efforts in 2015 by conducting hospital site visits where promising practices and quality improvement activities will be explored. Site visits and corresponding educational events to highlight innovative best practices will occur throughout the year. ■

Roxanne Schroeder

In May 2015, **Roxanne Schroeder** was hired as the Director of Performance Improvement - TQI. She will be working exclusively with the initiative. Roxanne comes to the DFWHC Foundation from Baylor Scott & White Health, where she served as the Director of Nursing Clinical Excellence. During her tenure, she drove practice and process improvements focused on improving patient outcomes.

Workforce Center

Where We've Been

Captain Chad Fleming (left); Suzanne McRae and Rex McRae recipient Megan Hill (middle, l to r); and Employee of the Year recipient Vernon Lee of Cook Children's Health Care System (bottom, left).

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON

The Employee of the Year Luncheon, a tradition for 19 years, has grown from a small luncheon honoring 10 non-management hospital employees to an event that recognizes more than 130 nominees from 55 hospitals in North Texas. The DFWHC Foundation Workforce Center first began coordinating the event seven years ago. While growing in attendance, it has never wavered from its focus on hospital employees who work daily with patients providing quality North Texas healthcare.

This year's event, held May 1, 2015 at the Irving Convention Center, attracted 700 attendees. In support of the theme "Healthcare Heroes," Captain Chad Fleming of the U.S. Army's 75th Ranger Regiment served as keynote speaker. Awards presented included the Rex McRae Scholarship, the Physician of the Year, System Employee of the Year, the Community Service Award, Preceptor of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Special Recognition Employees and Employees of the Year.

NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL WORKFORCE PLANNING COLLABORATIVE

The Regional Healthcare Workforce Planning Collaborative consists of regional partners Baylor Health Care, HCA North Texas Division, Texas Health Resources, Parkland Health & Hospital System and UT Southwestern University Hospitals with regional coordinator the DFWHC Foundation Workforce Center and technology/software vendor Orca Eyes. The goal of the collaborative is to bring together North Texas stakeholders to better understand healthcare workforce trends and plan strategically to address the needs.

The Workforce Center, hospital partners and Orca Eyes have created unique opportunities for regional engagement resulting in an online planning tool to better understand area healthcare workforce needs. The unique aspect of the collaborative is a regional "roll-up" of hospital data to create benchmarks so everyone can have a transparent perspective on what the needs are for the North Texas healthcare workforce. ■

Where We're Growing

$ 1.35 million
grant will train 540 employees

NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL WORKFORCE PLANNING COLLABORATIVE
The three focuses of the collaborative are the hospital/system data tool; benchmarks and data; and tactics to impact supply and demand. Insuring the quality and accuracy of the data is key. The collaborative is benchmarking more than 75 jobs and 25 nursing positions, to include aggregated data on more than 59,000 hospital employees.

Developments:

- New version of Orca Eyes Sonarvision pushing workforce analytics to a new level;
- North Texas Regional Reports for Collaborative Partners focusing on workforce, education, staffing, job dashboard, quarterly insights and job reports;
- Texas Workforce Commission Skills Development Grant was secured through El Centro Bill Priest Institute to provide training for healthcare workers at HCA North Texas and Texas Health Resources. The $1.35 million grant will train 540 employees, including registered nurses and allied health professionals. This will assist in retaining employees by upgrading their skills.

COMPETENCY-FOCUSED APPROACH TO CLINICAL EXPERIENCE (C-FACE) GRANT PROJECT
The Workforce Center will provide administrative support to grant recipient UTA College of Nursing. This Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Nursing Innovation Grant Program focuses on research to test a clinical instruction model to determine an effective range of clinical contact hours to prepare competent RN graduates. The goal is to establish a model that can be used by other state RN licensure programs. Grant period is January 2015 to June 2017.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PEDIATRIC HEMATOLOGY & ONCOLOGY PHYSICIAN/FELLOWS WORKFORCE NEEDS ASSESSMENT PROPOSAL
This project has developed a needs assessment for pediatric hematology and oncology physicians and fellows. The goal is to identify the workforce supply and gauge future needs. Assessments will target state needs and establish a model to be used for larger assessments of a region.

NORTH TEXAS NURSING PRECEPTOR ACADEMY
The Workforce Center with the North Texas Nursing Consortium has hosted the Preceptor Academy for the past three years training more than 500 nurses interested in learning about precepting new nurses. In 2014, there were 325 preceptors trained over four sessions. In 2015, the program will incorporate allied health preceptors. ■

325
Nurse Preceptors trained in 2015

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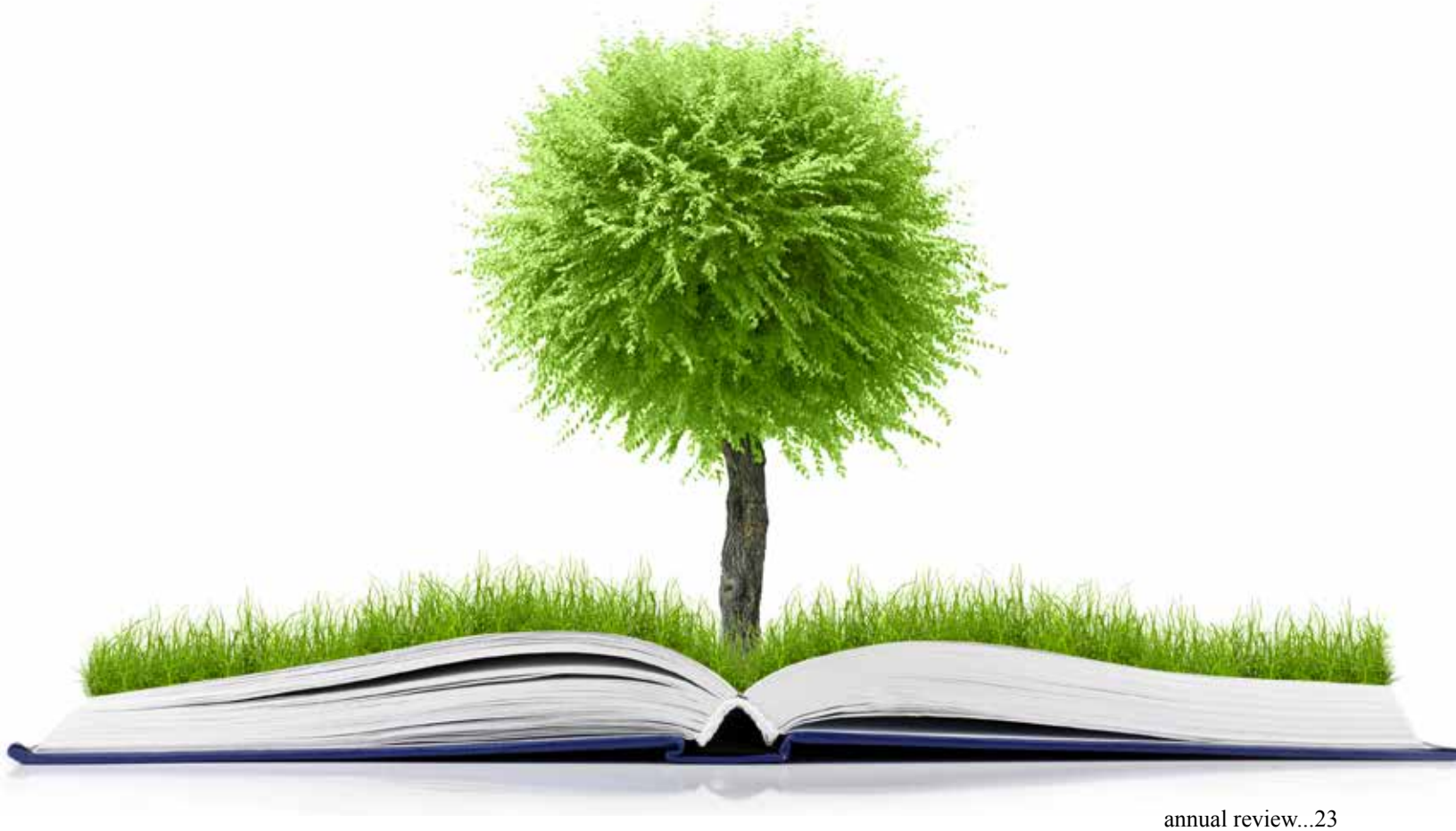

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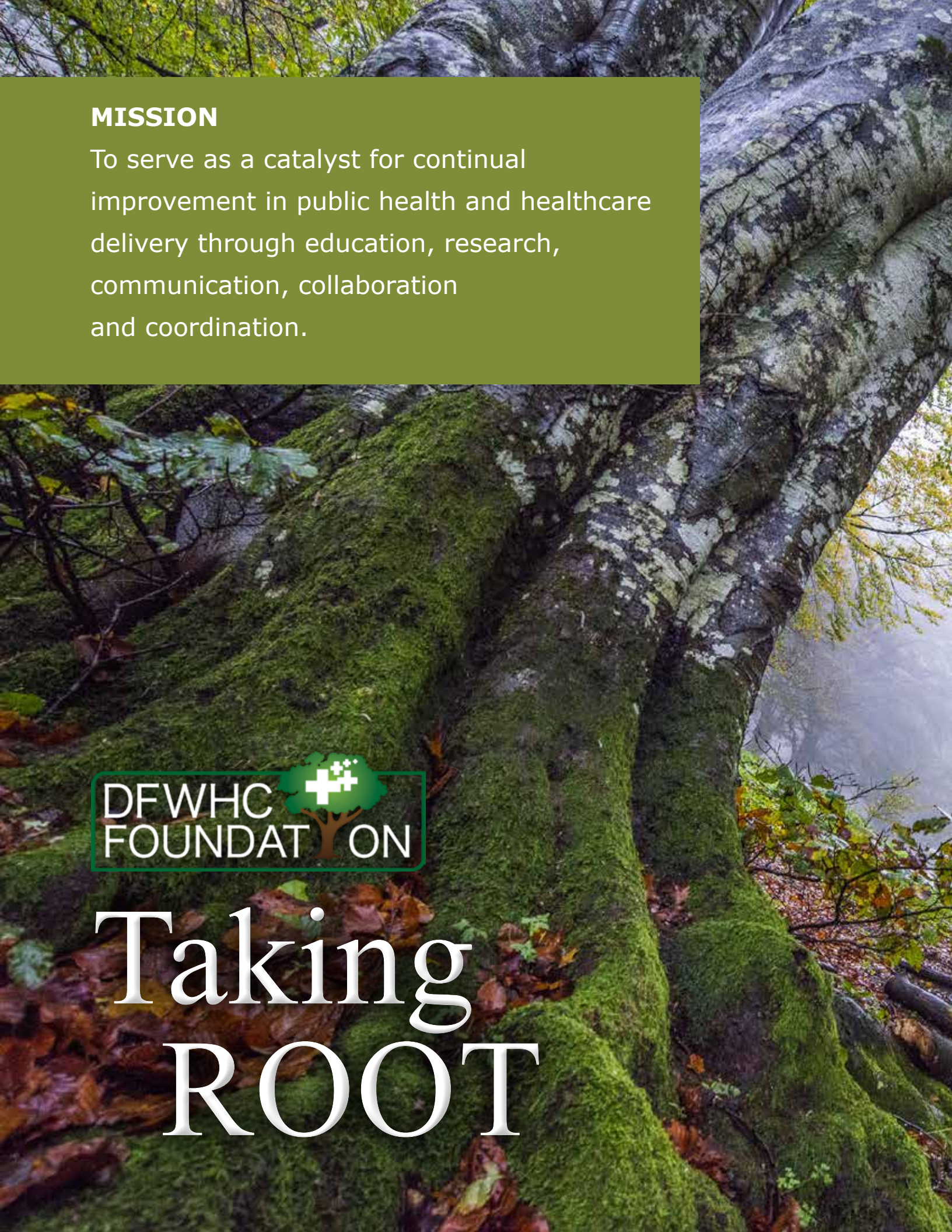

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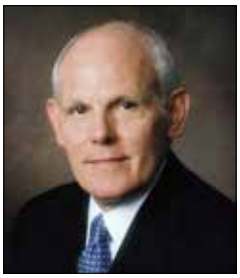

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