

PAUL PRESTON, MD

ANESTHESIOLOGY, SAN FRANCISCO

2008 Sidney R. Garfield, MD EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION AWARD

While realizing that "perfection is impossible," Paul Preston, MD, brought his colleagues closer to that goal through his multidisciplinary efforts in Patient Safety training.

Whether realistically simulating emergencies during Critical Event Team Training (CETT), or teaching team building and improved communication skills via Human Factors Training, Dr. Preston has tirelessly shared the latest patient safety techniques, tools and technologies with his colleagues in Northern California.

He might be implementing the multidisciplinary Perinatal Patient Safety Project one week or running workflow trainings for Cardiac Catheterization Lab staff the next. Whether helping create Highly Reliable Surgical Teams or assisting Rapid Response Teams, Dr. Preston's work provides clinical staff the opportunity to practice emergency situations, and helps uncover and fix flaws in the system, bringing us ever closer... to perfection.

