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Tuesday, April 13, 2021

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Iowa hospital workforce survey finds ongoing needs in many areas

Last fall, the Iowa Hospital Association surveyed member hospitals about their workforce needs since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Nearly three quarters of Iowa's hospitals completed the survey.

The survey results show that Iowa hospitals have an overwhelming need for positions that tend to be difficult to hire, especially registered nurses, laboratory technicians, certified nursing assistants, emergency medical services personal and environmental services employees. To help attract and retain employees, hospitals are using incentives such as loan reimbursement, flexible scheduling, sign-on bonuses and governmental programs.

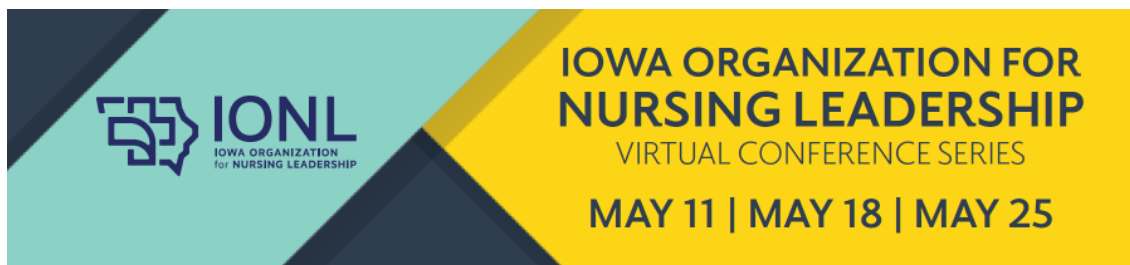
IHA will use the results of the hospital workforce survey to build education and programming around hospital needs. IHA also will review the data and needs of hospitals after the legislative session to determine if legislation can be advanced to help hospitals with these workforce needs.

Click [HERE](#) to for the full results of the survey. Email questions, comments or suggestions to [Jen Nutt](#) or [Nicole Proesch](#) at IHA.

Study looks at general surgery in rural US

According to [a recent study by the Rural Health Research Gateway](#), between 2001 and 2019, the per capita supply of general surgeons in the US decreased 18% overall and 29.1% in rural areas. The study also found that rural general surgeons are older than their urban counterparts. In 2019, 59.4% of the general surgeons in rural areas were 50 or older. compared to 48.8% in urban areas.

The study concludes that long-term preservation of rural surgical services will require concerted efforts by medical school educators, residency directors and rural advocates to promote and sustain interest in rural general surgery among medical students and surgical residents, especially women.



Reminder: Enroll in Cesarean Collaborative by May 1

Hospitals interested in participating in the Iowa Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health's Cesarean Collaborative should email [Stephanie Trusty](#) at the Iowa Department of Public Health by **Saturday, May 1**.

The collaborative will focus on safely reducing rates of Cesarean birth in Iowa and improving the care experience throughout labor and delivery. Each facility was sent information about the collaborative last month. This information outlines the timeline for the collaborative and steps for enrollment. Please email [Trusty](#) with any questions.

New associate member profile: Miron Construction

The IHA Board of Officers and Trustees approved four new associate members at its last meeting. In this issue of IHA Today, we profile [Miron Construction](#).

With more than 1,500 employees, Miron Construction strives to exceed client expectations by building strong relationships, creating innovative solutions, serving the community and focusing on the well-being of employees.

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Iowa news

- [COVID-19 vaccine clinics aim to reach homeless residents](#)
- [UnityPoint clinics to start vaccinating patients 16 and older](#)
- [Cedar Rapids hospitals lifting some visitor restrictions](#)

National news

- [Rural clinics, pharmacies seek to fill vaccine slots as hesitancy looms](#)
- [Vaccine side effects and transmission: 4 questions answered](#)
- [Biden administration won't surge vaccines to virus hotspots](#)

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Upcoming events

- [Medicare Advantage Program and Contracting Strategies](#): Tuesday, April 13.
- [Iowa Association for Healthcare Quality Virtual Spring Conference](#): Tuesday, April 13-Thursday, April 15.
- [IHA Virtual Governance Forum](#): Thursday, April 22-Friday, April 23.
- [Iowa Society for Health Care Human Resources Association Virtual Spring Conference](#): Wednesday, April 28-Thursday, April 29.
- [Hospital Regulatory Webinar Series: Infection Prevention and Antibiotic Stewardship](#): Tuesday, May 4.
- [Iowa Society for Healthcare Marketing and Public Relations Virtual Spring Conference](#): Tuesday, May 4.
- [IHA Employment Law 4-Part Virtual Series](#): Tuesday, May 4-Tuesday, Aug. 31.
- [Foundation Professionals for Iowa Hospitals Virtual Spring Confernece](#): Wednesday, May 5.
- [Iowa Alliance in Home Care Spring Virtual Conference](#): Thursday, May 6-Thursday, May 20.
- [Iowa Organization for Nursing Leadership Virtual Conference Series](#): Tuesday, May 11-Tuesday, May 25.
- [Governance Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, May 11-Tuesday, Nov. 16.
- [Iowa Society of Healthcare Attorneys Spring Conference](#): Thursday, May 13.
- [Iowa Trauma Coordinators Virtual Conference Series](#): Friday, May 28-Friday, June 25.
- [Hospital Regulatory Webinar Series: Swing-bed Fundamentals](#): Tuesday, June 22.

Hospital jobs site connects hospitals with qualified candidates

Are you looking for qualified health care professionals for your Iowa hospital? [HospitalCareers.com](#) can help. This website connects thousands of nurses, providers and other hospital jobseekers with Iowa hospitals each year and is a main resource for jobseekers looking for work in health care.



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