

## **A History of Firsts: 30 Years of Promoting Health Care Transparency to Improve Care and Costs**

- 1989.** First state agency to issue a hospital report card, the *Hospital Effectiveness Report*.
  - 1991.** PHC4 published Pennsylvania's first geographic-based study, *Small Area Analysis*.
  - 1992.** Following New York, PHC4 issued one of the nation's first physician-specific reports, the *PA Guide to Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery*.
  - 1996.** *Treatment for Heart Attack*, first compilation of physician outcomes for treatments.
  - 1997.** *Comprehensive Diabetes Report*.
  - 1998.** *Drug-Related Hospitalizations Report*. (Attorney General Fisher)
  - 1998.** *First Managed Care Report*. (Commercial)
  - 2000.** *Guide to Commercial Managed Care Plans*, the first to combine clinical outcomes with prevention and patient satisfaction scores. Followed by Medicare HMOs guide in **2001**.
  - 2000.** *Cardiac Surgery Report*, which added readmissions in 2000 valve surgery in 2005.
  - 2004.** *Bariatric Surgery*.
  - 2004.** First Report on *Avoidable Hospitalizations* with follow-up in 2012.
  - 2005.** First to release hard numbers about cost and quality implications of *hospital-acquired infections*, followed in **2006** by a seminal study noting infection rates for every PA hospital. These reports helped to galvanize a national movement to combat this serious problem.
  - 2005.** Physician-specific report on *hip and knee replacement surgery*. Recently updated.
  - 2005.** First Report on *Depression*.
  - 2005.** *Fire-Arm Related Injuries*. (with DOH)
  - 2006.** *MRSA & C Diff 2006 & 2007*.
  - 2010.** *Chronic Care*.
  - 2012.** PHC4 issued the most comprehensive *hospital readmissions* report in the country.
  - 2012.** *Breast Cancer Surgery*.
  - 2015.** *Super-Utilizers*.
  - 2015.** *Pediatric Heart Surgery in Pennsylvania* was produced in collaboration with the PA surgeons who perform these highly-complex and emotionally charged operations.
- PHC4's most recent reports and research briefs in **2016** highlight *Spinal Fusions in Pennsylvania*, *Knee and Hip Replacements Report with Hospital Specific Complication Ratings*, and *Neonatal and Maternal Hospitalizations Related to Substance Use*.