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CHICAGO KICKS OFF CAMPAIGN TO SAVE 100,000 LIVES

50 Hospitals in the Chicago Area Are Participating

The Chicago Patient Safety Forum (CPSF) today announced that it is the lead partner in the Chicago area for the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's (IHI) 100,000 Lives Campaign, a national initiative to save lives in U.S. hospitals by using proven clinical practices. The 100,000 Lives Campaign in greater Chicago already includes 50 hospitals, the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council, and the Emergency Nurses Association. As part of its leadership role, CPSF aims to recruit additional hospitals and associations across metropolitan Chicago area.

The Chicago Patient Safety Forum, a multidisciplinary organization dedicated to reducing preventable medical errors in the Chicago area, strongly supports this Campaign as an important step in facilitating system-based approaches to improving patient care. The rapid and wide dissemination of best practices is essential to the success of this effort. The Campaign will lay the groundwork for a greater sharing of lessons learned and the best approaches to minimize any future adverse occurrences.

Nationally, Campaign participants include over 2,600 acute care hospitals in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and there is no limit on the number of hospitals that can enroll. Its participants agree to implement one of the following six proven strategies to prevent avoidable deaths: deploy rapid response teams, deliver reliable acute myocardial infraction, prevent adverse drug events, prevent central line infections, prevent surgical site infections and prevent ventilator associated pneumonia.

One example of work already underway in Illinois that complements the IHI campaign is CPSF's partnership with the Illinois Hospital Association on a year-long medication reconciliation collaboration aimed at preventing adverse drug events. This collaboration involves 25 hospital teams and one hospital system. There will be an Outcomes Congress, to share best practices and lessons learned, on October 18 in Bloomington.

IHI is launching a 100,000 Lives Campaign bus tour next month that will be stopping in Chicago on October 5, 2005. Chicago is one of only a select number of stops on the campaign tour. For additional information on the 100K Lives Campaign or to view a list of participating Illinois hospitals visit www.ihi.org.

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