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Dear colleagues:

We would like to place your patient safety initiatives and meeting announcements in this newsletter. Please send your notes for the newsletter to Leonard Lamkin, at lamkin_cpsf@iomc.org by mid-December for publication in the Winter 2007 newsletter.

Leonard Lamkin
Executive Director

Get Involved

Get Involved: CPSF needs your support

- Your expertise is invaluable! CPSF is looking for volunteers on the following committees:
  - Annual Scientific Meeting Planning
  - Membership Development
  - Fund Development
  - Strategic Planning
- Please show your commitment to Chicago area patient safety by becoming a supporter of CPSF. Information is available on the web at www.chicagopatientsafety.org/become_involved/make_a_donation.htm
- Join the CPSF and one of our 5 councils at www.chicagopatientsafety.org/become_involved/membership_information.htm
- New patient safety collaboration initiatives are welcome. Please email your ideas to lamkin_cpsf@iomc.org

Monthly CPSF Steering Committee meetings.

Open to all CPSF members. Click here for more info.

New 2007 CPSF Steering Committee elected

Our new Steering Committee listing will be posted on our website soon.
Thank you to the nominees and to everyone who voted for their CPSF representatives.

2007 Annual Scientific Meeting

Coming March 2007.

Patient Safety Updates

Upcoming Events

Midwest Business Group on Health Learning Network

The Impact of Consumerism, Transparency & Quality on Employers' Health Benefits:
A Crucial Review of Today's Federal & State Health Policy
Special Guest: Michael Leavitt, Secretary of Health & Human Services
THURSDAY, October 12, 2006
Registration: 8:00 am
Program: 8:30 am to 12:00 pm
Swissotel Chicago

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MBGH Members: FREE
Special Rate for MBGH Partners and Non-Members: $50.00
Register Now

Cardiac Alert Conference

Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital
October 26, 2006
7AM (registration)-3PM
Linder Center, Lombard, IL
Advocate/MHS Partners = $150/pp; $100/pp for groups of 3 or more
Non-Advocate/Non-MHS Partners = $250/pp or $200/pp for groups of 3 or more
Registration Deadline is 10/16
Register Now

Illinois Emergency Nurses Association Annual Emergency Department Nurse Leadership Workshop

"Emergency Department Patient Safety Isses"
November 3, 2006
9AM-3PM at the Hyatt Lodge
Click here for brochure

Illinois Hopsital Association 2006 Patient Safety Learning Collaborative Lessons Learned Conference: *"Safety Connection"*

November 14, 2006
Hilton Hotel, Lisle/Naperville
See this month's Quarterly Commentary below for more information.

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Four-part PBS Television Series on US Health Care System

Don't miss "Remaking American Medicine" Series on PBS starting October 5 at 10:00 PM. Public and media attention to the challenge of improving the US health care system has never been stronger. The momentum will continue to build in October when PBS airs a compelling four-part series, "Remaking American Medicine," which has its roots in the Pursuing Perfection initiative. The first episode focuses on medical errors - defining the scope of the problem and then turning to solutions - portrayed through the story of IHI's 100,000 Lives Campaign.
Click here for more information and broadcast times.

IL HIT Legislation

IL House of Representatives passed HR 4157, the "Health Information Technology Act" on July 27. HR 4157 provides $30 million in grant authority for 2007 and 2008 for integrated health systems to promote information technology. The differences to Senate bill (S 1418) on HIT requires negotiation by the House/Senate conference committee. For more information on either bill, please visit www.ilga.gov/legislation/default.asp.

From IOM News:

The Future of Drug Safety: Promoting and Protecting the Health of the Public

Lack of clear regulatory authority, chronic underfunding, organizational problems, and a scarcity of post-approval data about drugs' risks and benefits have hampered the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's ability to evaluate and address the safety of prescription drugs after they have reached the market.

Noting that resources and therefore efforts to monitor medications' risk-benefit profiles taper off after approval, The Future of Drug Safety: Promoting and Protecting the Health of the Public offers a broad set of recommendations to ensure that consideration of safety extends from before product approval through the entire time the product is marketed and used.

Read more about this report

Read the report brief from this report

New Survey Captures Public's Views of Medical Errors and Quality of Care

The Kaiser Family Foundation and the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality released an updated survey capturing the public's views and knowledge of medical errors and their experiences with improving the quality of their care.

Since the Institute of Medicine issued a landmark study on medical errors in hospitals seven years ago, hospitals, doctors, health plans and purchasers have made many efforts to improve the quality and coordination of health care. The new survey provides updated responses to key questions about these issues asked in 2000, 2002 and 2004 surveys.

For more information visit www.kff.org/kaiserpolls/pomr092706pkg.cfm%20

Your organization's patient safety news could be posted here!
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Quarterly Commentary

2006 Safety Connections Conference: Relaying Lessons Learned on Handoff Communication

Becky Steward
Manager, IHA Patient Safety Learning Collaborative

The Illinois Hospital Association (IHA) and Chicago Patient Safety Forum (CPSF) are pleased to announce their annual Safety Connections Conference on November 14, 2006, at the Hilton Inn in Lisle / Naperville. Participants from IHA's 2006 Patient Safety Learning Collaborative *"From Hand to Hand: Strengthening the Connections"* will share lessons learned, strategies for success, and tools to support implementation of a standardized process for handoff communication between caregivers. IHA's Safety Connections Conference fulfills the IHA's triad of commitment to proactively improve patient safety for each participating organization, to demonstrate aggregate improvement within the Collaborative, and to improve patient safety for all hospitals by sharing lessons learned through an interactive program at the conclusion of the Collaborative.

This comprehensive and interactive meeting will include presentations or poster displays by up to 43 diverse hospitals; a thought-provoking presentation by Bruce Lambert, PhD, University of Illinois at Chicago, on power gradients and communication; and new research from Richard Friedberg, MD, PhD, Fellow of the College of American Pathologists (CAP) from Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, MA on CAP's follow-up study regarding communication of critical test results.

IHA's 2006 Patient Safety Learning Collaborative

- Is a unique learning network of 26 organizations
- Provides access to national and regional safety experts
- Facilitates implementation of best practices for patient safety
- Includes:
    - 10 month program
    - Full-time program manager
    - 3 day-long learning sessions and 3 half-day videoconferences
    - An on-line forum
    - Monthly reporting
- Involves 17 of 26 teams from 2005

The Collaborative features unprecedented sharing between organizations, sustained engagement by participants, and measurable improvement in a critical patient safety process. In this non-competitive environment, competitors disclosed *strengths*, so that the group could achieve the collective goal, and disclosed *weaknesses* to achieve the individual goal. The Collaborative was enriched by the diversity of the participating hospitals and the collective knowledge and experience of the team members.

Illinois hospitals have long been committed to providing safe, quality patient care. Our hospitals, like many around the country, understand that patient safety is a broad, complex issue that goes beyond any individual caregiver or facility. A comprehensive patient safety agenda requires dynamic collaboration among all stakeholders, with hospitals leading the way, to realize effective and widespread cultural change.

Through the Collaborative, IHA served as an advocate for all Illinois hospitals, promoting issues identified by the Collaborative into the nationwide discussion of the Patient Safety Goals with the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Over 100 hospitals from across the state attended the 2005 end of year program on Medication Reconciliation. This year, IHA's Safety Connections Conference will attract hospitals across the country as we are the first Collaborative to focus on handoff communication. We are gratified by the growth of a culture of safety for patients in Illinois, a culture that crosses both organizational and geographic boundaries.

To register for IHA's 2006 Safety Connections Conference, go to www.ihatoday.org or to the Chicago Patient Safety website www.chicagopatientsafety.org. For additional information, please contact Becky Steward at 630-276-5585 or bsteward@ihastaff.org.

Patient Safety Products

Available Through CPSF

- 2005 Patient Safety Learning Collaborative: Medication Reconciliation CD-ROM – $20.00 + $2.00 S&H

- Things You Should Know Before Entering the Hospital DVD – $29.95 + $4.95 S&H

- Getting Results: Reliably Communicating and Acting on Critical Test Results – Gordon Schiff, MD, Editor – $75.00 + $4.95 S&H

- Coming Soon – DVD-ROM of video and material presented at CPSF 2006 Annual Scientific Meeting – Estimated price: $20.00 + $2.00 S&H

Call 312-431-9110 or email cpsf@iomc.org for information on ordering

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