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We're back!

We apologize for not sending out our regular newsletters and email updates this spring and summer. We have been absorbed in our preparations to transform into a new, broader based organization, to be named the "Coalition for Quality and Patient Safety of Chicagoland" (see below for more information on this transformation). Rest assured, we will continue to bring you updates, news, activities, and events relating to patient safety through this newsletter and our website. Thank you for your continued support.

The Leadership and Staff of CPSF

CPSF Update

On behalf of the Chicago Patient Safety Forum and the Institute of Medicine of Chicago, we thank you for your continued participation and the ongoing support of all of our partner organizations and members. It is because of support and leadership like yours that the CPSF has made groundbreaking achievements, and now stands poised to transform itself into a new, broader based organization, to be renamed the **"Coalition for Quality and Patient Safety of Chicagoland, (CQPS)**. This transformation shifts governance and membership composition, moving beyond a predominantly physician and academic medical center focus, to also embrace patient and family (consumer) leadership and the important roles of diverse racial and ethnic population groups, as well as the key position of community and safety-net hospitals and all other healthcare settings.

The transformation also recognizes the organization's need to broaden its governance structures to encompass major healthcare-related and other corporations and government entities who are vitally interested in improving Quality of Care and Patient Safety, to multiply outreach and impact, and also to establish additional, diversified funding sources and revenue streams to ensure success and sustainability. Redesign and refocusing of CPSF in 2008 begins a quantum leap in its capacity to drive measurable improvement in patient safety and healthcare quality in Chicagoland and beyond.

2008 has been both challenging and exciting, representing not only continued achievement, but also serious reflection. The Executive Committee and Steering Committee's self-evaluation led to the uncomfortable disturbing conclusion that, despite its successful partnerships and projects, CPSF would not achieve its long standing goals of fiscal sustainability, diversity of membership and leadership, and positive community impact, as then configured and constituted.

Recognizing that many significant developments in the knowledge base, theory, science and practice of patient quality and safety have occurred since the founding of the Forum, the Steering Committee undertook thoughtful discussion and comprehensive consultation about the role and future of CPSF with its members and other experts. The board reaffirmed its recognition of a compelling, continued imperative for a strong patient-safety/healthcare-quality advocacy organization, dedicated to the needs of the Chicago community.

Monthly CPSF/CQPS Steering Committee meetings are open to all members. Click here for more info.

The Strategic Planning Taskforce was constituted under the leadership of Don Aaronson, MD, JD, MPH, Cindy Barnard, MBA, MSJS, and Carrie Nelson, MD, MS,. The Task Force revisited, reexamined, broadened, and reinforced the original mission of the CPSF. The Task Force undertook to redefine and transform the organization to provide for relevancy, effectiveness and sustainability for the next decade.

Core leadership has worked diligently to define and establish the transformed organization whose mission, vision, goals and objectives are expressed through the CQPS Charter. On August 25th, 2008, the Steering Committee also signaled transition to a new phase of dedication, responsibility and accountability with the adoption of an official resolution, acknowledging CPSF and its leadership, the Institute of Medicine of Chicago, the Otho S. A. Sprague Memorial Institute as well as our other affiliates and partners, and establishing the Coalition for Quality and Patient Safety of Chicagoland as CPSF's heir. The CQPS Charter is available for viewing on the CPSF website. The Strategic Planning Taskforce has evolved and reconstituted into a "Transition Taskforce" to shepherd CPSF into CQPS. One of the most important changes being undertaken with our new mandate is preparing to qualify and successfully apply to become a federally-recognized Patient Safety Organization (PSO) for Chicago, and ultimately, the state of Illinois.

We thank you again for your participation with the Chicago Patient Safety Forum, and welcome ongoing activity with Coalition for Quality and Patient Safety of Chicagoland. We will continue to provide ways our leadership and membership, that has coalesced around this engine of healthcare safety and quality, can continually improve to better serve the needs of this community in realization of the quality and safety goals and objectives of all Illinois healthcare organizations and consumers. We look forward to your continued participation, partnership, and support.

Carrie Nelson, MD, MS
Chair, Chicago Patient Safety Forum

Patient Safety Updates

Featured

Five major U.S. healthcare organizations endorse infection control strategies (from Briefings on Patient Safety)
Recognizing the importance of preventing healthcare-associated infections (HAI), five of the nation's major healthcare organizations endorsed a compendium of strategies for prevention. The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America and the Infectious Diseases Society of America worked together with the American Hospital Association, Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, and The Joint Commission announced The Compendium of Strategies to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections in Acute Care during a Webcast on October 8.

The Compendium is intended to provide a starting point for healthcare organizations that want to take an active approach in preventing HAIs. The recommendations included within the report address the minimum basic procedures facilities should be using to prevent HAIs as well as what measures should be taken for populations on which basic strategies do not work. The report targets Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, Clostridium difficile Infection, central line-associated bloodstream infections, central line-associated bloodstream infections, catheter-associated urinary tract infections, and surgical site infections.
www.preventinghais.com

Would you like to place your patient safety initiatives and meeting announcements in this newsletter? Please send your notes for the newsletter to cpsf@iomc.org by mid-December for publication in the Winter 2009 newsletter.

SHEA Patient Guides on Healthcare-Associated Infections

Resources

Updated AHRQ Patient Safety Compendium
AHRQ has published a new compendium of 115 original research papers by our grantees entitled *Advances in Patient Safety: New Directions and Alternative Approaches*. The four-volume set, which is also available as a searchable CD-ROM, highlights new knowledge and lessons learned in such critical areas as reporting systems, risk assessment, health information technology, clinical process redesign, and medical simulation. The new compendium is a follow-up to an earlier version published in 2005.

Common formats released for patient safety data collection and event reporting
August 29, 2008
More Information

Patient Safety and Quality: An Evidence-based Handbook for Nurses
Download Handbook

Drugmaker Pfizer launches medication safety site
Chicago Tribune Article
Pfizer Medication Safety Education Site

ASQ Survey to prevent medical errors
A new survey of healthcare quality professionals by the American Society for Quality (ASQ) examines specific solutions that U.S. hospitals and patients can take to prevent medical errors. More information

CMS Guide to e-Prescribing
CMS issued its own guide to e-prescribing, including one section addressed to office-based clinicians new to e-prescribing and the other helping office-based clinicians who already understand the technology and hope to implement it soon. The publication, "A Clinician's Guide to Electronic Prescribing," was released at CMS's National E-Prescribing Conference.
More information
http://www.healthcareitnews.com/story.cms?id=10167
The guide can be downloaded here.
Beginning in 2009, providers will be able to participate in an incentive program for e-prescribers. A Fact Sheet on the incentive program can be viewed here.

IHI Patient Safety Officer Executive Development Program
March 5-11, 2009, Boston MA
Download the Patient Safety Officer program brochure
More information

Health IT Certification Announces Certified Professional In Health Information Exchange (CPHIE)
The designation of CPHIE indicates a mastery of the Common Body of Knowledge covering planning, governance, information architecture, data stewardship for HIE, personal health records, telehealth and home monitoring, and the status of planning for a nationwide

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health information network
CPHIE is now part of a family of professional certifications offered by Health IT Certification, including Certified Professional in Electronic Health Records (CPEHR) and Certified Professional in Health Information Technology (CPHIT)
www.HealthITCertification.com

News

Leapfrog Group Announces the 2008 Leapfrog Top Hospitals
Thirty-three U.S. hospitals have been named 2008 Leapfrog Top Hospitals, based on results from the Leapfrog Hospital Survey, a rating system that provides an up-to-the-minute assessment of a hospital's quality and safety. Read more
Leapfrog Hospital Survey

Pediatricians less likely to disclose less obvious medical errors
A survey of pediatricians found wide variation in whether and how they would disclose medical errors to patients and their families, and may be less likely to share information about errors that are less obvious to parents, according to a report in the October issue of *Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine*, one of the *JAMA/Archives* journals.

2008 MacArthur Fellow works to improve patient safety
September, 2008
Peter Pronovost, a critical care physician and professor at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, has inspired culture change by devising evidence-based clinical practices that save lives and improve patient safety. The MacArthur Foundation has selected him as a 2008 Fellow and recipient of a $500,000 "genius grant."

2008 John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Award Recipients
September 25, 2008
The Joint Commission announces 2008 John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Award Recipients. The Eisenberg Award honors individuals and organizations that have made vital accomplishments in improving patient safety and quality. Awarded at the upcoming National Quality Forum. (see below)

APIC Urges States to Proclaim International Infection Prevention Week
Oct. 19-25, 2008
read more

FDA Appoints Jeanine Thomas to MRSA Advisory Board
September 3, 2008
The FDA has appointed Jeanine Thomas as a consultant on their advisory board for MRSA. Ms. Thomas will review all drugs and products pertaining to the treatment of MRSA that are up for FDA approval. Ms. Thomas is a longstanding member of CPSF and its Steering Committee.

Events

2008 National Policy Conference on Quality: Quality at the Crossroads
National Quality Forum
October 15-17, 2008
Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA
Download Brochure

Expert Commentators
Several of our members are available to speak on patient safety issues:

Anesthesiology
Electronic Medical Records
Error Reporting
Geriatric Patient Safety
Illinois Medical Studies Act
Infection Prevention
Medication Safety
Nursing
Patient Safety in the Chicago Area
Patient Safety in Ambulatory and Primary Care
Patient Safety Simulator
Patient Safety & Public Policy
Pediatric Patient Safety
Safe Clinical Practices

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25th International ISQua Conference
International Society for Quality in Health Care
October 19-22, 2008
Bella Centre, Copenhagen, Denmark

9th Congress of the International Federation of Infection Control
October 19-25
Santiago, Chile

Patient Safety Audioconference: Practicing Team-based Care for Safer Outcomes using TeamSTEPPS™ Strategies and Tools to Enhance Performance and Patient Safety
Thursday, November 20, 2008
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm (Central)
www.PatientSafetyAudioconferences.com

Patient Experience & Patient Safety Culture: 11th CAHPS & 1st SOPS User Group Meeting
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
December 3-5, 2008
Doubletree Paradise Valley Resort, Scottsdale, AZ

20th Annual National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care
December 8-11
Nashville, Tennessee

11th Annual ISMP Cheers Award Reception and Dinner
Institute for Safe Medication Practices
Dec 9, 2008
Maggiano's Little Italy, Pointe Orlando, Florida

National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality (NICHQ) presents:
8th Annual Forum for Improving Children's Healthcare: Thrive Together
March 9-12, 2009
Grapevine, Texas, (near Dallas/Fort Worth)
Conference Topics:
1. Patient safety
2. Childhood obesity
3. Chronic conditions
4. Quality improvement—linked to finance, advocacy and equity in care

Eighth Quality Colloquium at Harvard
Cosponsored inter alia by Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, American Society for Quality, Bridges to Excellence, The Joint Commission, National Quality Forum, NCQA
August 17-20, 2009
Harvard University
Cambridge, MA
www.QualityColloquium.com

2009 Annual Conference on Quality and Patient Safety
The Joint Commission
September 14-16, 2009
Rosemont, IL

CPSF/CQPS website update
We are continually improving our website. If you have any suggestions or announcements you'd like listed please let us know at cpsf@iomc.org.

Please visit the site regularly at: ChicagoPatientSafety.org

2008 Annual National Patient Safety Foundation Congress: conference proceedings
Stepnick L, Edgman-Levitan S, Bonacum D, Pinakiewicz DC. Journal of Patient Safety. September 2008;4:129-140. (subscription required)

Your organization's patient safety news, project, research, or meeting could be listed here and sent to more than 1800 patient safety professionals and consumers in the Chicago area!
Contact us at 312-431-9110 or at cpsf@iomc.org

Get Involved with CPSF/CQPS

CPSF/CQPS needs your support

Individual supporters are the lifeblood of CPSF/CQPS, so join with our leadership, who have reached a 100% level of giving. **Your gift of $200, $100, $50 or even $25 will make a difference in what we are able to accomplish on behalf of every patient in this state**. In addition to your ongoing daily commitment to patient safety – in the workplace, at professional meetings, in informal gatherings – what you give today to help CPSF/CQPS fund patient-safety initiatives will translate into saved lives – and a safer health-care environment.

Click here for instructions on how to make your donation to CPSF.

You can help CPSF/CQPS in many small ways

Identifying potential funding opportunities (individuals or organizations)
Identifying key personnel at your organization to invite to join CPSF/CQPS
Making your facility available for regional meetings and roundtables
Identifying or submitting possible patient safety or disclosure case studies for the CPSF/CQPS website and newsletter
Your expertise and willingness to be an expert speaker for CPSF/CQPS on patient safety related issues
Submitting patient safety resources and events for professionals and consumers for CPSF/CQPS website and newsletter
Identifying consumer organization partners
Identifying media organization partners

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