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On behalf of the Chicago Patient Safety Forum members and leadership, I'm happy to send you this first quarterly update of CPSF-related activities. This e-newsletter requires you to be able to receive full HTML email. If you are unable to see the full graphics version, a downloadable version will be available on our website.

Leonard Lamkin
Executive Director

Get Involved

Get involved in CPSF activities: we need your support!

- CPSF Membership Survey
  Please take a few moments and give us your input on patient safety efforts by taking our short survey.

- Your expertise is invaluable! CPSF is looking for volunteers on the following committees:
  - Program Development
  - Annual Scientific Meeting Planning
  - Marketing/Communications
  - Fund Development

  Please let us know if you'd like to help out at cpsf@iomc.org

- Please show your commitment to Chicago-area patient safety by becoming a financial supporter of CPSF.

- Are you new to the CPSF or do we have your current contact information? Join the CPSF and one of our 5 membership councils and we will inform you of our patient safety activities.

- Does your organization have a periodic newsletter? Please let us know for our announcements and we can include your patient safety activities here and on our website.

Patient Safety Updates

Patient Safety Education

- Northwestern University Institute for Healthcare Studies
  Master's Program in Healthcare Quality and Patient Safety
  Certificate Program in Healthcare Quality and Patient Safety
  For more Information about either of these programs please contact either
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Upcoming Patient Safety Training

- "Simulation-Based Team Training" - MCHC April 10, 2006

Upcoming Patient Safety Events

- First Annual Nursing Conference: "Champions of Patient Safety, at Rush Copley Saturday, April 29, 2006. To register call 866-426-7539.
- Alexian Brothers Hospital Network Leadership Conference "Healthcare in Crisis: Developing a Patient Safety Organization through Operational Excellence" Tuesday, May 16, 2006 To register, call Ann Johnson: 847-385-7116.

Consumer Information

- "Things You Should Know Before Entering the Hospital" DVD now available from CPSF. Please call 312-431-9110 to order.

Have your Patient Safety Project or Meeting listed here!
Contact us at 312-431-9110 or at cpsf@iomc.org

CPSF Updates

CPSF Annual Scientific Meeting

The 2006 Annual Scientific Patient Safety Conference was held on March 3 at the Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine to great acclaim and tremendous success. The theme was "Culture of Safety: A System Strategy to Reduce Medical Errors and Improve Patient Safety." Many important patient safety leaders presented including keynote speaker Jim Conway. See a full list of speakers and a downloadable program at our website. We had over 260 attendees making us the largest annual regional patient safety conference in the country.

Testimonials:

> "Excellent program. Speakers brought quite a bit of knowledge and common sense approaches to improve patient safety."
>
> "Extremely beneficial. I am inspired and equipped with great awareness. Thank you."
>
> "Can always count on the highest quality program from CPSF and this certainly was that."

Information about materials and a possible DVD-ROM including video of the main sessions will be made available on the website soon.

Help us plan future scientific conferences. Send us an e-mail at cpsf@iomc.org

IHI 100K Lives Campaign

The Chicago Patient Safety Forum is the node/campaign center for Illinois. Highlights include that over 80 hospitals in Illinois have joined the campaign. The excellent local coverage of the Campaign and the bus tour on October 5th. Four very successful regional meetings looked at successes involved in implementation. Possible summer/fall conferences highlighting the interventions are being planned. For more information see our website.

Patient Safety Organization

Due to the work of the CPSF Medical/Legal Task Force, the CPSF has developed an exploratory committee of state associations/organizations to discuss forming an Illinois PSO. The work of the exploratory committee is moving forward. For more information see our website. To have your state association added to the invitees call our office at 312-431-9110.

Medication Safety:
The CPSF had two projects focused on Medication Safety.

- **Regional Medication Safety Initiative (supported by Michael Reese Health Trust)** focuses on promoting safety by improving communication between prescribers, pharmacists, and patients. This project is led by Bruce Lambert, PhD of the University of Chicago College of Pharmacy and Gordon Schiff, MD of the John H. Stroger Hospital of Cook County. For more information, or to be added to the Medication Safety distribution list, please contact us at cpsf@iomc.org
- **2005 Illinois Hospital Association/CPSF Patient Safety Learning Collaborative** focused on medication reconciliation with 25 hospitals and one health system participating. A CD-ROM is available of the tools and materials developed from this effort at our website**.**

Chicago Pediatric Patient Safety Consortium
(supported by Michael Reese Health Trust)
The CPSF has a consortium of five pediatric hospitals (Children's Memorial Hospital, John H. Stroger Hospital of Cook County, Mt. Sinai Hospital, Advocate Hope Children's Hospital and Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital) researching pediatric specific patient safety. This effort is led by Jane Holl and Donna Woods. For more information visit the consortium on our website**.**

Patient Safety Initiatives Under Development

Ambulatory care and patient safety – A partnership between the Chicago Patient Safety Forum, Chicago Medical Society, Illinois Academy of Family Physicians and the Northern Illinois Chapter of the American College of Physicians.

E-prescribing – An initiative to encourage and develop resources for physicians to do e-prescribing in cooperation with Northern Illinois Physicians for Connectivity.

Long-term care and hospital cooperation – An initiative designed to improve communication between long-term care and hospitals.

Virtual Journal Club – A project featuring selected articles relating to patient safety to be discussed during scheduled teleconferences and text messaging sessions.

New patient safety collaboration initiatives are welcome.
Please contact us with your ideas or to get involved at lamkin_cpsf@iomc.org.

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