



Quality News

February 2018

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Upcoming Events

Opioid Summit for Clinicians

Friday, March 2
Marriott St. Louis West
Click [here](#) to register.

Spring 2018 FLEX MBQIP Regional Meetings – open to FLEX-participating hospitals

Thursday, March 1
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Hampton Inn
900 Kansas Ave.
Clinton, MO 64735
660/885-4488
Click [here](#) to register.

Thursday, March 8
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Comfort Inn
250 US-36 Bus.
Chillicothe, MO 64633
660/646-9900
Click [here](#) to register.

Wednesday, March 21
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Holiday Inn Express & Suites
1802 Gamel Cemetery Road
Festus, MO 63028
636/937-7100
Click [here](#) to register.

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Spotlight

Update on Continued Influenza Activity in Missouri

The most recent national [flu report](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates that all U.S. states except Hawaii continue to report widespread activity. Overall, hospitalization rates remain high throughout the nation, with the highest rates occurring among people aged 65 and older. The most current influenza surveillance information for Missouri is reported in the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services' [Weekly Influenza Surveillance Reports](#). DHSS continues to report that influenza-like illness activity remains above baseline.

Regional and state coordination systems are consistently monitoring ILI activity, including potential impacts to health care facilities. MHA will continue conducting *EMResource* queries to maintain situational awareness and assess current or potential impacts to health care. Information from these queries is shared with key regional and state partners for continued collaboration and monitoring.

MHA Initiatives and Programming Update

MHA HIIN Updates

The Missouri HIIN team has been busy kicking off the 2018 HIIN strategy. Along with visiting hospitals, advisors are analyzing data and determining Missouri hospitals' progress on Milestone 6, which is due the end of January. Hospitals that have submitted 85 percent of their data for October 2016 through October 2017 will earn a \$475 stipend.

Huddle Webinars

Last month during the MHA HIIN Huddle webinar, Jackie Conrad, Improvement Advisor from Cynosure Health, provided several tips and strategies on fall reduction. Click [here](#) to download the webinar slides.

HRET Opportunities

As part of the HIIN, HRET offers an excellent opportunity to become familiar with or advance quality improvement knowledge. HRET has partnered with the Institute for Healthcare Improvement to offer a Quality Improvement Fellowship Program from January to July 2018, exclusively

Save the Date

HIIN Boot Camp: Increasing Worker Safety

Blue Springs

Wednesday, April 11
Courtyard by Marriott-
Adams Pointe
Conference Center
Blue Springs, MO
816/220-4400
Click [here](#) to register.

Springfield

Wednesday, April 25
Oasis Hotel and
Convention Center
Springfield, MO
417/866-5253
Click [here](#) to register.

St. Charles

Wednesday, May 2
Embassy Suites Hotel
St. Louis- St. Charles
Hotel
St. Charles, MO
636/946-5544
Click [here](#) to register.

Cape Girardeau

Wednesday, May 9
Drury Plaza Hotel Cape
Girardeau Conference
Center
Cape Girardeau, MO
573/334-7151
Click [here](#) to register.

Virtual Events

First Quarter Emergency Preparedness Program Update Webinar

Thursday, February 15
11 a.m.
Click [here](#) to register.

Aim for Excellence Webinar Series (formerly What's Up Wednesday?) Topic: Aim for Excellence Award Application –

available to HIIN-participating hospitals. The program will offer interactive webinars and online courses on key topics in quality improvement and safety, as well as guide participants through leading a project to improve department and unit outcomes. Past fellows have come from nursing, quality improvement, patient safety and infection prevention departments, among others, and have worked on projects focusing on fall reduction, sepsis bundle adherence and central line infection reduction. For more information, visit the [website](#), and view the [flyer](#) and [infographic](#). Applications will be accepted through Friday, Feb. 16.

HRET also has released two physician engagement podcasts:

- [Physician Activation and Participation in Quality Improvement Activities](#) – Dr. Bruce Spurlock, Cynosure Health, facilitates a discussion with Dr. Gary Roth, Chief Medical Officer of Michigan Health and Hospital Association, about approaches that are most effective for aligning physician priorities with the hospital's quality improvement goals. Dr. Roth highlights the importance of identifying a physician champion and optimizing data to increase involvement.
- [Physician Engagement Activation in Hospital Quality & Safety Programs](#) provides methods to activate physicians in hospital quality programs and patient safety programs within rural, critical access settings. Dr. Bruce Spurlock facilitates a discussion with Dr. Jason Cohen, Chief Medical Officer from North Valley Hospital in Whitefish, Mont. The discussion focuses on building a culture of participation, designating physician leaders and creating common goals among staff.

Safety and Preparedness

FDA Issues Statement Regarding Ongoing IV Fluid Shortages

U.S. Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, M.D., released a [statement](#) updating the FDA's efforts to address IV fluid shortages exacerbated by Hurricane Maria. Improvements to IV fluid shortages are expected in the coming weeks and months. The FDA is working with manufacturers to import products into the U.S. from foreign facilities and also is looking at additional potential import sites for small and large volume IV saline bags. Approval of additional sites should help boost product supply in the U.S. market in the next several weeks. Gottlieb said the FDA also is asking companies to submit data to extend expiration dates for these products while the agency is paying close attention to demand for empty IV containers as an alternative to filled bags. "We understand that with the shortage of filled bags, hospitals and other health care providers are turning to the repackaging or compounding of IV saline fluids and utilizing empty IV containers," he said. "This is resulting in diminished supplies of these containers, and concerns that supplies of empty bags could tighten further."

Announcements

LEAN Six Sigma Green Belt Project

MHA is excited to announce the launch of the Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Project, with a total of 41 participants accepted into the program between the St. Louis and Kansas City cohorts. Congratulations to the following hospitals:

Capital Region Medical Center
Carroll County Memorial Hospital
Cass Regional Medical Center
Cox Medical Center

Process and Tips for Successful Application

Wednesday, March 7
Noon
Click [here](#) to register.

SafeCulture Accelerator Project Webinar

Thursday, March 22
1 p.m.
Click [here](#) to register.

For additional MHA events, click [here](#).

Fitzgibbon Hospital
Golden Valley Memorial Healthcare
Hannibal Regional Hospital
Lafayette Regional Health Center
Lake Regional Health System
Liberty Hospital
North Kansas City Hospital
Ozarks Medical Center
Perry County Memorial Hospital
Saint Luke's Hospital
Scotland County Hospital
Southeast Missouri Hospital
St. Mary's Medical Center
Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital
Western Missouri Medical Center

Transparency Initiative

MHA's [Focus on Hospitals](#) website has been updated as of Feb. 1 with the following data.

- 2018 Community Investment Report
- October 2016 to September 2017 pricing data and quality outcome data for infections and harms
- September 2014 to August 2017 readmission measures

For more information, contact snjenga@mhanet.com

2018 Aim for Excellence Award — Applications Now Being Accepted

The Missouri Hospital Association is again pleased to announce the Aim for Excellence Award — an annual, prestigious award recognizing Missouri hospitals' innovation and outcomes. The award will recognize achievement, disseminate successful models, motivate innovation, promote publication and support application to nationally based grants and awards. Awards will be presented at MHA's 96th Annual Convention & Trade Show.

[Applications](#) must be received by 5 p.m. Monday, May 7. More information will be provided in the March Aim for Excellence Newsletter.

Save the Date — HIIN Boot Camp: Increasing Worker Safety — open to all MHA member hospitals

The HIIN Regional Boot Camps to Increase Workers' Safety will be held in four different regions across the state. Participants will learn de-escalation methods and will have the opportunity to demonstrate de-escalation management. Crisis intervention training will be provided to supplement the de-escalation techniques with a focus on mental health populations, and components of defense training will be taught to offer the participants realistic tactics and techniques. Each session focuses on a holistic approach to reducing both the risk and anxiety surrounding violence in health care. This day-long training is an excellent supplement to existing safety programs already in place at your organization, is supported through HIIN contract funding and is open to all Missouri member hospitals. Front-line staff from all care units, especially the emergency department, critical care and medical-surgical units, as well as safety and security personnel are encouraged to attend.

More information and agenda coming soon.

Resources

Medicare Quality Reimbursement Webinar Series — This series of on-demand webinars serve as an educational instrument, providing the listener with a high level of understanding about the programs, as well as the opportunity to observe simulations of the pay-for-performance calculations affecting payment. Each session is designed to be short in nature, typically lasting about 10 minutes. The exception is the Value-Based Purchasing 201 session, which is about 30 minutes.

[Opioid Toolkit](#) — Recent updates were made to MHA's interactive opioid toolkit, which provides access to current national and Missouri research, as well as practice and policy guidance to address the opioid epidemic.

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Quality Works[®] [Community Health Needs Assessment Support](#) — Is it time to begin preparing for your next three-year community health needs assessment and implementation plan? Where are you going to find the time to work on another project? Let the professionals at Quality Works[®] assist you in meeting this IRS requirement. Our experts are available to partner with you and your staff to complete all, or parts of, a community health needs assessment and improvement plan. For more information, contact Sherry Buschjost at sbuschjost@mhanet.com.

Quality Works[®] [Emergency Preparedness Program Review](#) Need assistance in meeting the CMS emergency preparedness Conditions of Participation requirements? Quality Works[®] experts can review your plan and provide guidance to support your facility's readiness to meet federal requirements. For more information, contact Sherry Buschjost at sbuschjost@mhanet.com.

Quality Reporting News

[CMS Corrects 3Q2017 Other VTE Sub-Population Discrepancy](#)

[CMS and TJC Release National Hospital Inpatient Quality Measures Specifications Manual Version 5.4](#)

[CMS Updates Inpatient CART](#)

[CMS Updates Schematron for CY 2018 QRDA I Implementation Guide](#)

[NGA Selects Six States to Participate in the Rural Health Learning Collaborative](#)

[SHEA Provides Contact Precautions Recommendations](#)

[CMS Updates OQR Specifications Manual](#)

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