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Featured Items

Colorado Patient Safety Environmental Scan Now Available

CFMC is pleased to share with you that our Colorado Patient Safety Environmental Scan is now posted on the home page and under the hospital tab on our website and can be accessed with the following link: http://www.cfmc.org/files/hospital/EnvironmentalScan.pdf .

This environmental scan is an inventory of patient safety initiatives, educational programs, research, advocacy and public awareness campaigns in Colorado. The purpose of the scan is to provide a resource to improve program efficiencies and communications, reduce redundant efforts and encourage collaborative efforts that correlate to patient safety improvements. The scan was funded by The Colorado Trust as part of the 5Million Lives Campaign.

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Join Berwick, Davis, and Fisher for a Webinar on How Physicians Can Help Achieve Health Reform – May 22nd, 9:00 AM MT

Legislation that will fundamentally change the U.S. health care system is now being shaped in Washington, D.C. And this time, nearly all stakeholders are at the negotiating table. Join a Commonwealth Fund/Institute for Healthcare Improvement webinar this Friday, May 22, 2009, at 9 a.m., MT as three of the nation's leading thinkers in health policy and practice outline how physicians and others can help create a health care system that offers high-quality, affordable care for all Americans while containing costs.

Webinar panelists Donald M. Berwick, M.D., M.P.P., a professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, and president and chief executive officer of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement; Karen Davis, Ph.D., president of The Commonwealth Fund; and Elliott S. Fisher, M.D., M.P.H., a professor and associate director of Population Health and Policy at the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice will address quality improvement, integrated delivery, and payment reform, as well as cost-saving measures that can help finance the coverage of the uninsured. A question-and-answer period will follow the panelists' presentations.

To register for this free one-hour online meeting, go to <http://commonwealthfundevents.webex.com>.

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Quest Data Elements: Common Questions for March & April 2009

Attached to this newsletter are two documents entitled "[QUEST March 09 Data Elements](#)" and "[QUEST April 09 Data Elements](#)". These list the most common questions that are being asked of QUEST and also list those questions which have had revisions to their original answers. Abstractors are responsible for knowing about these revisions. QNet QUEST can be found at www.qnetquest.org. If you have questions regarding QUEST, please contact Sue Bethel at sbethel@coqio.sdps.org.

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Measuring Hand Hygiene Compliance: Overcoming the Challenges

In a intensive two-year collaboration, experts from major infection control leadership organizations in the US and abroad identified effective approaches for measuring adherence to hand hygiene guidelines in health care organizations. The monograph resulting from this work aims to broaden understanding of the issues and provides practical solutions to help organizations target their efforts.

Download the free monograph:

http://www.jointcommission.org/PatientSafety/InfectionControl/hh_monograph.htm

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Data Reporting Deadlines

Attached to this newsletter, please find a [summary of future deadlines](#) including HCAHPS, HOP QDRP, Public Reporting Population and Sampling, Data Submission, and Medical Record Validation Requests. Please contact Sue Bethel at sbethel@coqio.sdps.org, if you have questions regarding these deadlines.

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Centers for Disease Control Tools for H1N1 Flu Outbreak

CDC has created several new tools that may be useful to you and your constituents during this H1N1 flu outbreak:

- A public service announcement to provide information and guidance for recent fraudulent activity surrounding ads for flu remedies. Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/psa/consumerfraud.htm> to listen to the announcement. Please share this link with others.
- As a reminder, a PowerPoint presentation to provide general information about H1N1 flu to employees, constituents and other partners is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/business/>.

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CMS Core Topics 3rd Qtr 2008 Benchmark Data

Attached to this newsletter e-mail is the [3rd Qtr 2008 Benchmarking Data](#) for CMS core topics of Acute Myocardial Infarction, Surgical Care Improvement Project, pneumonia, and heart failure. Please note these Benchmarking tables have been derived using the ABC method of calculation. If you have questions about the data, please contact Michelle Mills, mmills@coqio.sdps.org, or by phone at 303.847.1727.

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Addendum to Version 3.0 of the Hospital Inpatient Specification Manual – previously reported

Based on the ongoing national hospital quality measure maintenance and alignment discussions, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and The Joint Commission have identified omissions or typographical errors that require revision to Version 3.0 of the Specifications Manual for National Hospital Inpatient Quality Measures for discharges beginning October 1, 2009.

Alphabetical Data Dictionary

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- **Data Element *Perioperative Death***- SCIP VTE-1 and SCIP VTE-2 were added to “Collected For”
- **Data Element *Temperature***- Corrections were made to remove “Warm water garments/devices” from under the title *Temperature* and add it under the title *Patient Warming Devices* in the inclusion list. The word “None” was removed from the exclusion list.
- **Data Element *VTE Timely***- the N (No) value “Surgical Incision Time” was changed to “Anesthesia Start Time”.
- **Data Element *Anesthesia Type***- corrected allowable value 3, and added allowable value 4.

Measure Information Forms (MIF)

- **SCIP-Inf-10, SCIP-VTE-1, SCIP-VTE-2**- revised algorithm for *Anesthesia Type* to reflect the new allowable value 4.
- **STK-8**- data element name was corrected in the MIF and algorithm from “Education Addresses Need for Follow-up after Discharge” to “Education addresses Follow-up after Discharge”.

Appendix A (both Excel and PDF version)

- **Table 5.16, Code 59.91**- the shortened description was inadvertently omitted and has been corrected.

Hospital Clinical Data XML File

- **Data Element *Anesthesia Type***- corrections were made to allowable values and the programming note.
- Data Element *Perioperative Death*- SCIP VTE-1 and SCIP VTE-2 were added to the Applicable Measures column.
- Data Element *Vancomycin*- The Answer Code and Answer Value for Value 5 was hidden from view and it has been re-formatted to allow them to display appropriately.

Please review the Release Notes 3.0a for a complete list of Specifications Manual changes on QualityNet.org (<http://www.qualitynet.org>) by selecting Specifications Manual under the Hospital Inpatient tab and then version 3.0a in the Data Collection Time Period table. Options are available to download the entire manual, the release notes or view specific sections. The updated version is also available through The Joint Commission website at: <http://www.jointcommission.org>.

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FY 2010 IPPS Proposed Rule Now Available – previously reported

The FY 2010 IPPS proposed rule changes are on display and open for public comment. The public comment period runs through June 30, 2009, for Federal Regulation CMS-1406-P, “Medicare Program: Proposed Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and Fiscal Year 2010 Rates, and to the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Rate Year 2010 Rates.” Included in the regulation are proposed changes to the Reporting Hospital Quality Data for Annual Payment Update (RHQDAPU) initiative.

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The proposed rule was posted on May 1, 2009, and can be accessed from the FY2010 Proposed Rule (<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/AcuteInpatientPPS/FY2010RULE/list.asp#TopOfPage>) section of the CMS Web site. Details regarding the RHQDAPU program begin on the 323rd page of the downloadable file CMS-1406-P (http://federalregister.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2009-10458_PI.pdf).

Comments on specific issues in the regulation may be electronically submitted at Regulations.gov (<http://www.regulations.gov>). Follow the instructions for “Comment or Submission” and use the file code CMS-1406-P to submit comments on this proposed rule.

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Get With The Guidelines

Get With The Guidelines (GWTG) hospital-based Quality Improvement Program focusing on Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) and Heart Failure (HF) has a program goal to improve the quality of cardiovascular care in Colorado. A grant supported by the State of Colorado has made it possible for a collaboration to be formed between the American Heart Association and the Colorado Foundation for Medical Care.

Upcoming Get With The Guidelines Regional WebEx Schedule

June 9, 2009

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. MT

“Overview of the ACC/AHA Heart Failure Guideline Update Released in March”
Mori Krantz, MD, Denver Health Medical Center and Colorado Prevention Center

Note: all GWTG calls are from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Please follow these instructions to join the event:

- 1) Click on or go to <https://ifmcevents.webex.com>
- 2) Locate your event
- 3) Click on the Join Now link to the right of the event or click on the name of the event
- 4) Enter your name and email address
- 5) Enter the Event Password: GWTG
- 6) Click on Join
- 7) Call in to the teleconference number for the audio portion.

If you have questions about GWTG calls, please contact Marcy Cameron, mcameron@coqio.sdps.org, or at 303.695.3300, x3040.

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5M Lives Campaign Information

Final Progress Reports – Due July 1st to The Colorado Trust – previously reported

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This serves as a reminder that your final progress reports will be due on July 1st. Details about the progress report will be coming soon in a communication from The Colorado Trust. Watch your inbox for this communication! If you want to get a head start on completing this task, you can begin updating your previous portfolio that was submitted in July 2008. If you have questions about this, feel free to contact Kelley Strachan at kstrachan@cfmc.org.

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Mark Your Calendars: June Webinar - Wednesday, June 3rd, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Please mark your calendars. Although the Colorado 5 Million Lives Campaign is wrapping up, CFMC will continue to provide learning opportunities through webinars. We are still finalizing the topic for this session so stay tuned to the newsletter for details.

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Up Next on WIHI – “Wanted! An EMR That Works” – May 21st – previously reported

Wanted! An EMR That Works

Thursday, May 21, 2009
2:00 PM–3:00 PM Eastern Time

Featuring:

John Halamka, MD, MS, Chief Information Officer of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Brian Robson, GP, Clinical Director for eHealth across NHS National Services Scotland

The drumbeat for quality health information systems to improve care for patients and to reduce costs has never been louder...and now there's money on the table (19 billion), in the form of an economic stimulus, to help more health care providers in the U.S. get online. The migration to electronic medical records has a lot of moving parts and can be daunting, but many organizations have already made the plunge and are working out the bugs for the rest of us. In other words, don't worry about EMRs alone!

Join host Madge Kaplan, with guests John Halamka and Brian Robson, for the most effective ways to navigate the new challenges of health care IT.

There is no fee for participating in a WIHI program, but enrollment is required.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.ihl.org/IHI/Programs/AudioAndWebPrograms/WIHI.htm>

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Hospital Projects Calendar

In an effort to keep everyone informed of conference calls, webexes, and meetings, we have created a [color-coded calendar](#) and attached it to the newsletter email. This calendar will be included in each week's newsletter with a revised date so you will know when it has been updated.

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