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Featured Items

Colorado Patient Safety Environmental Scan Now Available – previously reported

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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Quest Data Elements: Common Questions for March & April 2009 – previously reported

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 – previously reported

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 – previously reported

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 – previously reported

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 – previously reported

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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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

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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CO 5M Lives June Webinar – “Colorado Healthcare Affordability Act” - Wednesday, June 3rd, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Please join us for the June 5M Lives Webinar, featuring Tom Nash, Vice President of Financial Policy for CHA. Tom will be discussing Colorado’s Healthcare Affordability Act, House Bill 1293, passed earlier this year. He will focus his discussion on how the bill will benefit hospitals and patients, the mechanism for generating federal match dollars, the potential patient safety benefits, and other information pertinent to hospitals.

Teleconference: 1.800.514.0831

Teleconference Confirmation Code: 24619092

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- 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: 5MCO
- 6) Click on Join
- 7) Call in to the teleconference number for the audio portion. **The number is 1.800.514.0831. The confirmation code is 24619092. Please note these are NEW numbers. Confirmation numbers are changed every month.**

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NEJM Article: Achieving Health Care Reform – How Physicians Can Help

For those of you who missed the Commonwealth Fund webinar last week featuring, Elliott S. Fisher, M.D., M.P.H., Donald M. Berwick, M.D., M.P.P., and Karen Davis, Ph.D., you can now read a related article featured in the New England Journal of Medicine.

<http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/full/NEJMp0903923?query=TOC>

If you would like to download the slides from the presentation or watch the webinar, please visit:

<http://www.commonwealthfund.org/Content/Resources/2009/Webinar-on-How-Physicians-Can-Help-Achieve-Health-Reform.aspx>

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Up Next on WIHI – “The Blogosphere’s Hospital CEO” – June 4th

The Blogosphere’s Hospital CEO

Thursday, June 4, 2009

1:00 PM–2:00 PM Mountain Time*

*Please note special time.

Featuring: Paul Levy, President and Chief Executive Officer, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

He started blogging in 2006, laying claim to cyber territory that was practically unheard of for a hospital CEO. Today, Paul Levy’s blog, “Running a Hospital,” is must reading, not only for senior leaders, but for any health care leader, administrator, or clinician, interested in building cultures of improvement, and safety, and transparency. As Paul Levy has learned on several occasions, once the commitment to transparency especially is made, you don’t always get to choose the topic.

Join host Madge Kaplan for a lively discussion with a senior leader who’s turned the lights on to show what change looks like at a teaching hospital in real-time - whether it’s reducing infections or seeking input from staff on how to deal with a deficit and save jobs during tough economic times.

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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