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THE QUALITY ADVISOR

Welcome to the Quality Advisor! Please make special note of these upcoming offerings and important resources.

***Note:** Fast approaching dates/deadlines are **highlighted**.

News from the CQO's Desk...

National Hospital Week – May 8 - 14

Highlighting the theme “We Are Health Care,” the American Hospital Association is asking the public to join the efforts to mark National Hospital Week by showing support to all health care workers. We encourage individuals and communities to show support to your local hospital and its caregivers. Visit [AHA.org](https://www.aha.org) for ideas, guidance and resources and use #HospitalWeek in social media posts.



To all those working in America's Hospitals and Health Systems, **Thank you.**

National Nurses week - May 6 – 12

The American Nurses Association (ANA) selected this year's theme, **Nurses Make a Difference**, to honor the varying roles of nurses and their positive impact on our lives. This year's theme is nothing short of how remarkable nurses are to the healthcare of all and facilities throughout our state.

National Stroke Awareness Month

Stroke is the fifth leading cause of death in the United States. Risk factors such as heredity, age, gender, and ethnicity cannot be controlled, but lifestyle changes - avoiding smoking and drinking too much alcohol, eating a balanced diet, exercising - are choices you can make to reduce your risk. Find resources and additional information [here](#).

Mental Health Awareness Month

Let's raise awareness about the importance of mental health and the impact it has on physical health and well-being, and reduce the stigma associated with it.

<https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Mental-Health-Awareness-Month>

National Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

During May, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Office of Minority Health (CMS OMH) recognizes [National Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#) and is highlighting available resources.

Note This

AHRQ Updates

AHRQ Safety Program for MRSA Prevention

We are sharing information about the AHRQ Safety Program for MRSA Prevention for those wanting to reduce invasive MRSA infections in their facility and strengthen team-based infection prevention practices. **Enrollment deadline for interested eligible hospitals is May 15th. Participation is free.**

This unit-based program will help hospitals improve teamwork, communication, and support participants in understanding and implementing a patient safety culture in participating units. It also will take participants through the process of developing solutions to patient safety issues on the units. Together, these approaches will improve staff knowledge of infection prevention and help them identify approaches to successfully reduce and prevent MRSA transmission.

CME and CEU credits will be available for physicians, physician assistants, and nursing staff participating in the program. Program participants can earn up to 22 credits by attending live webinars, reviewing recorded program webinars, or reviewing slides/scripts for webinars. You can find more information about the program on the AHRQ website at <https://safetyprogram4mrsaprevention.org/> or email MRSAPrevention@norc.org.

AHRQ releases Final report on Preventing CLABSIs and CAUTIs

AHRQ released their final report on the implementation and impact evaluation for Intensive Care Units (ICUs): Preventing central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSIs) and catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTIs). An online toolkit was developed to offer ICUs targeted help in reducing CLABSI and CAUTI outside the program structure. Built by clinicians for clinicians, it is designed to support ICUs in reducing CLABSI and CAUTI. The toolkit is based on various AHRQ ICU Safety curriculum resources and was informed by the frontline staff experience of the more than 800 ICUs that participated in the program. It resides on the AHRQ website at <https://www.ahrq.gov/hai/tools/clabsi-cauti-icu/index.html>. See AHRQ Safety Program for Intensive Care Units: Preventing CLABSI and CAUTI Final report [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Wisconsin Quality Residency

MODULE H – Culture of Safety and Just Culture, Wednesday, May 18, 2022 | 9:00 – 4:00 | Zoom (Virtual)

Learning Objectives

- Understand High Reliability
- Outline characteristics of a Culture of Safety
- Define Just Culture
- Investigate patient safety tools
- Discuss simple techniques for problem solving such as Root Cause Analysis (RCA) and Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA)
- Uncover how to use these tools in incident and reporting activities
- Use the tools effectively in your organization on a day-to-day basis to assist in the prevention of error

MODULE I – (NEW) TRENDING TOPICS: CARE COORDINATION, INFECTION PREVENTION, SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH Wednesday, June 15, 2022 | 9:00 – 4:00 | In Person | Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative, 880 Independence Lane, Sauk City, WI 53583.

Learning Objectives

- Examine Care Coordination strategies and best practices
- Summarize infection prevention 'need to know' information for healthcare quality professionals
- Address population health through Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)

If you are interested in joining one or more of the individual program modules, please see the full program summary and guest registration information [here](#). The cost per module is \$250.00. To learn more, email Jill Lindwall, WHA Clinical Quality Improvement Manager, at jlindwall@wha.org.

Improving Pressure Injury Care for Patients with Dark Skin Tones

Webinar: When - June 7th, 2022, from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Understanding skin tone and how it relates to assessment in preventing and identifying pressure injuries and/or tissue damage can be difficult. Research conducted by Health Research & Educational Trust shows hospital-acquired pressure injuries affect more than 2.5 million Americans annually. Pressure injuries often lead to poor patient outcomes and increased hospital length of stay, negatively impact hospital quality measures and are costly for the hospital system due to reimbursement challenges. Traditionally, nurses assessing patients' skin for pressure injury are taught to look for redness to detect the first signs of damage, but this proves challenging when assessing patients with darker-pigmented skin who require tactile and sensory assessments as well.

Join WHA for the webinar “**Improving Pressure Injury Care for Patients with Dark Skin Tones**” on **June 7th, 2022, from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm** with Courtney Maurer, DNP, RN, collaborating provider from UW Health to gain better understanding on improving nurse assessment and documentation of pressure injuries specific to dark skin tones while gaining important education and resources on the acute care needs of patients with dark skin. Register [here](#).

Cost: This webinar is being offered as a member benefit and at no cost to hospital participants.

Audience: Patient care providers, health educators, clinical staff and management, Quality leaders

For questions, please contact Marcia at megle@wha.org.

Journey to a Healthier Wisconsin

The WHA Quality Team in collaboration with WHA Information Center held its second of four *Journey to a Healthier Wisconsin* webinar on April 27th. *Tales from the Trenches* featured Bellin Health's journey, presented by Population Health Operational Lead, Jordan Kerscher. The recording from the April webinar can be accessed on the WHA On-demand Learning Center - <https://www.wha.org/On-demandLearning>.

Save these dates and [register here](#) for upcoming webinars:

- July 27
- October 26

Cost: This series is being offered as a member benefit and at no cost to hospital participants.

Audience: Hospital Administration, Quality Leaders, Clinical Staff, IT Staff, Coders, BI Staff, and anyone who acts as a change agent for SDOH for the hospital or health system.

For questions, contact WHA Clinical Quality Improvement Manager [Jill Lindwall](#).

Focus on DHE&I: Diversity, Health Equity & Inclusion Best Practices, Disparities in Maternal Health: Connecting Community Advocacy to Clinical Practice

When: Webinar – Wednesday, May 18, 2022 – 11:00am – 11:45am CT

[Register here](#)

This webinar is being coordinated and presented through the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association. See [WHA - Education & Events](#) for more information.

Join the Massachusetts Medical Society, the Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association, and the American College of Healthcare Executives Massachusetts Chapter to learn more about the commission's recommendations to redress racial disparities and promote equity in maternal health outcomes, including how to connect these policies into clinical practice. This event is also a part of the Medical Society's annual John Figgis Jewett Lectureship on maternal health.

Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Conditions of Participation 2022: Ensuring Compliance, Webinar Series

When: Webinar Series - Session 1 – Wednesday, May 18, 2022 - 12:00pm – 2:00pm

This four-part webinar series will cover the entire CAH CoP manual. CAHs hospitals must comply with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' CoP manual for Critical Access Hospitals. The CMS regulations and interpretive guidelines serve as the basis for determining compliance and this manual will be discussed in detail as well as the revised changes. Webinars run weekly on Wednesdays from May 18 through June 8. See [WHA - Education & Events](#) for more information and to register.

Additional Offerings

Sepsis Alliance Institute Offerings

Anticoagulation Forum

Virtual Anticoagulation Boot Camp, May 20-21, 2022

This 2-day meeting provides a comprehensive curriculum that covers the essential aspects of anticoagulation, disease state, and drug management. Engaging discussion around quality improvement, new agents and special situations will benefit all practitioners and "chalk talks" (live & recorded for ongoing access) will allow for attendee participation to shape the topics. For details and more information see [AC Forum Bootcamp - Spring - 2022](#).

Resources

From the Wisconsin Department of Health Services...

Updated Infection Preventionist (IP) Starter Kit

The IP Starter Kit provides IPs with a brief background and resources for some of the many infection-prevention-related responsibilities within health care facilities.

The annual updates include three new sections that cover:

- Laboratory
- Respiratory Protection Programs
- Enhanced Barrier Precautions in Nursing Homes

You can find the IP Starter Kit on the [HAI Infection Prevention Education webpage](#) or by downloading [the PDF](#).

Recent Quality Alerts

CMS Inpatient Proposed Rule

[CMS Proposes Policies to Advance Health Equity and Maternal Health, Support Hospitals, April 19, 2022](#)

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