

# NEWS BRIEFS

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## WHA Calendar:

Healthcare Leadership Training **12/6**

## Other Events:

Healthcare Effective Communication Webinar **12/11**



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## MyWY Health is Live! What Does That Mean?

It means roughly 1,000 patients and 15,000 lab results are added to MyWY Health from Wyoming Medical Center (WMC) each week.

As of Tuesday, November 12, there were 23,379 patients included with 58,641 lab results available for viewing. Users outside of Casper have been trained and can now access the HIE to track their patients' progress when the patients visit Wyoming Medical Center.

Radiology reports and transcription reports from WMC will be added soon and Cheyenne Regional Medical Center, South Big Horn and Weston County Health Services are building interfaces to add information to MyWY Health. These four hospitals represent over 30% of the hospital beds in Wyoming.

Now that MyWY Health is live, interest from physician practices and nursing homes is gaining momentum.

Outreach efforts included descriptions of MyWY Health as the "highway connecting electronic health records together." Nursing homes see the value when local hospitals participate. Physician practices have expressed interest not only in learning what is needed to share information through

MyWY Health, but also in using Direct secure email to communicate with specialists located out of town.

Through outreach discussions, physician practices indicate there is a need for help to answer the many questions associated with such issues as ICD10, Meaningful Use, and the Affordable Care Act, to name just a few.



To address these questions, MyWY Health is working with other health leaders to put resources in place. As a rural state, health information exchange isn't only about sharing structured data; it's also about sharing lessons learned to help others.

The questions MyWY Health is encountering demonstrate how complicated the health care environment has become and how rapidly it's changing. To respond to these changes, the Wyoming health information technology landscape has changed over the last four years.

Most Wyoming hospitals now have electronic health records (EHRs). Many phy-

sician/provider practices and nursing homes either have implemented EHRs or are pursuing installation. There is now a health information exchange to take the information from EHRs and securely move it with the patients to the point of care.

However, Wyoming is at a critical juncture in the continuation of health information exchange (HIE). While MyWY Health has four early adopter hospitals committed to submitting data, the value of an HIE lies with participation from all the providers in the health care system – hospitals, physicians, nursing homes, home health and payers, to name a few.

The time has come for Wyoming health organizations to support MyWY Health through signed participation agreements, incorporation of health information exchange in health conversations and initiatives and discussions about MyWY Health with patients, government and civic leaders.

Wyoming is well on its way to achieving secure, statewide health information sharing to improve the coordination of care for patients. Let's keep the momentum going! Contact Heather Roe Day at hroeday@mywyhealth.com.



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



### Riverton Earns Top Performer on Key Quality Measures

Riverton Memorial Hospital (RMH) was named a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures® by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in America.

RMH was recognized by The Joint Commission for outstanding performance in using evidence-based processes for improving care for certain conditions, including heart attack, pneumonia, surgery, stroke and venous thromboembolism.

New this year is a category for immunization for pneumonia and influenza.

RMH is one of only 1,099 hospitals in the U.S. earning this distinction for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance.

RMH was recognized for its achievement in Pneumonia and Surgical Care. This is the first time RMH has received this honor.

The ratings are based on an aggregation of data re-

ported to The Joint Commission during 2012. The list of Top Performer organizations increased by 77 percent from last year and represents 33 percent of all Joint Commission accredited hospitals reporting performance data in 2012.

In addition RMH will be recognized on The Joint Commission's Quality Check website at [www.qualitycheck.org](http://www.qualitycheck.org).

*Don't forget to send us a story about your hospital so we can feature you in our Member Spotlight*



Mountain Pacific Quality Health (MPQH) is hosting a webinar, "Best Practices in Reducing Falls and Fall Related Injury", Thursday, November 21st from 2-3 p.m. MST.

The webinar is presented by Pat Quigley, PhD, MPH, ARNP, CRRN, FAAN, FAANP, Associate Director, VISN 8 Patient Safety Center of Inquiry, and is both a Clinical Nurse Specialist and Nurse Practitioner in Rehabilitation.

Pat's contributions to patient safety, nursing and rehabilitation are evident at a national level – with em-

phasis on clinical practice innovations designed to promote elders' independence and safety. She is nationally known for her program of research in patient safety, particularly in fall prevention.

Learning objectives for this session: 1) Differentiate Prevention vs. Protection; 2) State of Science related to patient falls; 3) Why we have not 'cracked the code' for preventing patient falls; and 4) Innovations to reduce serious fall-related injuries.

To join the meeting: Click or copy and paste this to your web browser:

<https://qualitynet.webex.com>; locate the event you wish to join; click on join now; enter your name and email address as prompted; enter the password: injury; and dial into the teleconference. The number is 1-888-332-7137, access code 35678697.

For more information, contact Pat Fritz with Mountain-Pacific Quality Health-Wyoming at [pfritz@wyqio.sdps.org](mailto:pfritz@wyqio.sdps.org) or call (307) 568.2797.

For Information regarding the Falls Prevention Project visit the website [www.wyqualityconnection.com](http://www.wyqualityconnection.com).

### Websites for Helping the Philippines

Hospitals wishing to contribute to the relief effort for victims of the recent typhoon in the Philippines are encouraged to visit the American Red Cross directly through its website, at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

Hospitals are also encouraged to visit the U.S.

Agency for International Development website, [www.usaid.gov/haiyan](http://www.usaid.gov/haiyan), which contains information on how best to donate and links to credible organizations supporting international relief efforts in the country.

It also contains information on how to volunteer

assistance. USAID is coordinating the U.S. government's efforts in support of relief.

The American Hospital Association has made a \$50,000 donation to the American Red Cross.

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