

NEWS BRIEFS

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WHA Calendar:

WHA Board of Directors Meeting
Cody, WY

5/18

WHA CEO/Trustee Educational Program
Cody, WY

5/19

Other Events:

Infection Prevention Conference
Casper

4/19-
4/20

Labor, Health & Social Services Interim Meeting
Casper

4/28-
4/29

LeadingAge Wyoming Spring Meeting
Cody, WY

5/17-
5/18

Wyoming Infection Prevention Conference

The Wyoming Hospital Association is pleased to again be co-sponsoring the 6th Annual Wyoming Infection Prevention Conference.

This year's two-day event is being held April 19-20 at the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center in Casper.

The Wyoming Infection Advisory Group (WIPAG) serves as the primary host of this annual educational event – with WHA, Mountain-Pacific Quality Health, and the Wyoming Department of Health working alongside in planning and securing presenters and content for the conference.

The program features great opportunity to network with peers and learn from national and local experts, while embracing the conference theme of “Be Prepared Today for Tomorrow.”

Topics include a variety of infection prevention protocols, best practices in antibiotic stewardship, facilitating enhanced patient engagement – and all are specifically geared to be applicable for leadership and staff from both the hospital and long-term care settings.

WHA is very pleased to have secured one of the featured presenters for the program, as Cheryl Ruble, BSN, MS will be providing a full update on current protocols specifically regarding C. Difficile infections and Sepsis.

Ms. Ruble is an improvement advisor for Cynosure Health, serving with leadership in clinical transformation via over 20-years of critical care and trauma clinical nurse specialist experience. She is also a master trainer in the TeamSTEPPS program.



Cheryl's interest and availability to present as a key speaker in this year's program comes via connection with WHA's participation with the HRET Hospital Engagement Network 2.0 program – within which 16 Wyoming hospitals are currently participating.

Conference speakers also include Daniel Hyman, MD, the chief quality and patient safety officer at Children's Hospital Colorado. Dr. Hyman will present on strategy regarding effective patient and family engagement. William R. Jarvis, MD, co-founder of Jason and Jarvis Associates, LLC, a consulting firm specializing in epidemiology, infectious disease, and HAI

preventions will also be presenting at the conference. He will be speaking on understanding the relative risks of needless connectors.

Jason North, PharmD, MBA, is the System Director of Pharmacy for SageWest Healthcare in Lander & River-ton – very pleased to have Jason delivering the educational review and update on antibiotic stewardship.

Courtney Smith, MPH, with the Wyoming Department of Health will review occupational exposures to hepatitis B, C and HIV.

MPQH leaders Catherine Darnell and Baerbell Merrill will provide information regarding NHSN reporting and support mechanisms in breakout sessions specific to the nursing home and hospital environments.

The deadline to register is April 14 and the cost to attend is \$40 a day. The conference will begin at noon on April 19 and end at 4:30 p.m. on April 20.

Visit WHA's website www.wyohospitals.com to learn more about the conference or to register online.

CEUs will be offered to all qualifying attendees.



Kid's Day Added to NBHH Health Fair

North Big Horn Hospital is hosting the Kids Health and Safety Carnival.

"The idea is to provide education in the context of fun," explained coordinator Nick Lewis, who came up with the idea to add a special event geared toward children and their families to the hospital's regular health fair schedule.

The special day for kids will include a rock climbing

wall, a bike rodeo, bounce house, an obstacle course designed by the Wyoming National Guard, a tour of a medical helicopter, fun games, prizes and a wealth of information about how to get healthy and stay healthy.

Lewis said the children will be given a "health and safety passport" that they will have the opportunity to get stamped at each educa-

tional booth they visit. A stamp from each and every booth at the event entitles the holder to enter a drawing for prizes like a full-sized trampoline, a guided family tour of the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range, a custom made picnic table, and many more.

The Kids Health and Safety Fair is funded entirely by donations and will be fueled by volunteer labor.

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

 Campbell County Health
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Critical Incident Stress Management April 28-29

Campbell County Health and the Campbell County Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team are sponsoring a Northeast Wyoming CISM Workshop, Assisting Individuals in Crisis, scheduled for April 28-29, from 8 am-5 pm in the Community Room at Campbell County Fire Station #1, 106 Rohan Ave.

The workshop provides practical experience and intervention development. Assisting Individuals in Cri-

sis will equip the participant in the appropriate intervention protocol of how to mitigate the emotional effects of the trauma experience in a one-on-one setting.

This course is designed for anyone who desires to increase their knowledge of one-on-one crisis intervention techniques.

This course will provide 13 contact hours; 1.3 general CEU's are available from UMBC (University of Maryland Baltimore County.) A

certificate of completion is issued to each participant. Cost: \$100 before April 1 and \$125 after April 1, 2016. Registration includes a workbook and certificate.

The Campbell County CISM Team is a group of local volunteers who provide crisis intervention services for those involved in a traumatic event.

For more information or to register, contact: Gordon Harper, 307-680-6286, or gordonharper@vcn.com.

NIH: Number of Senior Citizens to Double by 2050

America's 65-and-over population is projected to nearly double by 2050 to 88 million, according to a report on global aging released this week by the National Institutes of Health.

The global population of people aged 80 and older is expected to more than triple over the period, while global life expectancy at birth is projected to

increase by almost eight years, to 76.2. The report was prepared by the Census Bureau for the National Institute on Aging.

"We are seeing population aging in every country in every part of the world," said John Haaga, acting director of NIA's Division of Behavioral and Social Research.

"...Since population aging affects so many aspects of public life – acute and long-term health care needs; pensions, work and retirement; transportation; housing – there is a lot of potential for learning from each other's experience."

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