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WHA Calendar:

Healthcare Leadership Training	6/28
Paying for Healthcare: Finding the Right Incentives Casper	7/18

Other Events:

Wyoming Safety and Workforce Summit Rock Springs	6/25-6/26
Hospital Advisory Group Cheyenne	7/9

Casper Session to Focus on New Healthcare Payment Models

The traditional fee-for-service healthcare payment system, many argue, is not working.

It creates the wrong incentives, leading to increased volumes but less focus on quality outcomes, the argument goes.

But how can consumers and payors stop paying for volume and start paying for value? Is it possible to create a different payment system for healthcare in Wyoming? What sort of system would create the right incentives? And is it possible to do all of this while still attracting and retaining high-quality physicians, nurses and other providers?

Those questions are the subject of a community conversation scheduled for July 18 at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Casper. Entitled "Paying Differently for Healthcare: Finding the Right Incentives," the session is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and includes lunch.

The meeting is co-sponsored by the Wyoming Hospital Association, Wyoming Medical Center, Wyoming Medical Center Foundation, and the Wyoming Business Coalition on Health.

Registration for the event is free.

A panel discussion with

Wyoming healthcare leaders will follow the session. Panelists include Dr. Craig Smith of Casper, Leonard Malin of The Leapfrog Group, Wyoming Medical Center CEO Vickie Diamond, Memorial Hospital of Converse County CEO Ryan Smith, and Wendy Curran of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming.

Dr. Brent Sherard will moderate the panel discussion.

In addressing questions about payment systems and incentives, the session will feature Dr. David Nash, a consultant to organizations in both the public and private sectors.

Dr. Nash's leadership on healthcare quality issues is broad and deep. He has chaired the Technical Advisory Group of the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council for more than a decade, and he is widely recognized as a pioneer in public reporting of healthcare outcomes.

In December 2009, Dr. Nash was named to the Board of Directors of Humana, Inc., one of the nation's largest publicly traded healthcare companies.

Prior to that appointment, he was named the Founding Dean of the Jefferson School of Population Health. This appointment capped a 20-

year tenure on the faculty of Thomas Jefferson University, where he is also the Dr. Raymond C. and Doris N. Grandon Professor of Health Policy.

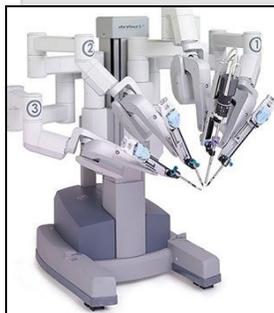
Dr. Nash is a board certified internist who is internationally recognized for his work in outcomes management, medical staff development and quality-of-care improvement.

Repeatedly named to Modern Healthcare's list of Most Powerful Persons in Healthcare, Dr. Nash's national activities reach more than 100,000 people every month and cover a wide scope. Dr. Nash is also a principal faculty member for quality of care programming for the American College of Physician Executives in Tampa, Fla., and is the developer of the ACPE Capstone Course on Quality.

He recently co-authored the book "Demand Better: Revive Our Broken Healthcare System," which he will discuss during his presentation in Casper.

To register for the event, visit www.wyohealth.org/events.php, or call (307) 472-5013. To receive a 20 percent discount on Dr. Nash's book, visit www.seconddriverhealthcare.com and use discount code WYOHEALTH20%.

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MHCC First to Offer da Vinci Si Surgical System

Memorial Hospital of Converse County is the first and only surgical center in Wyoming to offer the da Vinci® Si™ Surgical System in their operating room.

The da Vinci® Si™ has several unique features designed to provide additional clinical benefits and efficiency in the operating room, including the ability to perform select surgeries from a single incision in the patient's bellybutton.

Together, these technological advancements pro-

vide MHCC surgeons with unparalleled precision, dexterity and control that enable a minimally invasive approach for many complex surgical procedures.

"We believe that the new features of the da Vinci Si System will help us provide the best possible outcomes and is proof of our commitment to provide our community access to the latest advancements in minimally invasive surgery," said MHCC CEO Ryan Smith.

da Vinci's advanced technology takes surgery beyond the limits of the human hands and furthers the hospital's goal of extending minimally invasive surgery to the broadest possible base of patients. The hospital plans to focus its robotic surgery program on GYN and general abdominal procedures, but surgeons from around the region have contacted MHCC about performing their own surgeries in Douglas using the new system.

WYeROLL

The Wyoming Volunteer Registry, "WYeROLL – Wyoming Enrollment, Response, Operations, Logistics, Let's Enroll", system was implemented by the Wyoming Department of Health – Hospital Preparedness Program in 2007.

WYeROLL serves as a local, state, and national web based volunteer registry system for both medical and non-medical volunteers.

The mission of WYeROLL is to register, notify, and inform registered and qualified volunteers to assist in the event of an emergency, public or health care incident or disaster.

WYeROLL has the ability to notify registered volunteers via phone or email when there is an event that requires volunteers.

This system is also equipped with the ability to search for specific volunteers depending on the loca-

tion and needs of the incident or emergency.

WYeROLL administrators also run credential verifications upon initial registration and every 6 months after to verify volunteers are qualified to perform the needed services for each incident or emergency.

This system is secure, and all personal information will only be used to contact the volunteer if the need arises. Registration is available at <https://vol.wyoming.gov>.

Auxiliary of the Year Award Nominations Due by July 1

The Wyoming Healthcare Volunteers Organization has established an award to recognize the outstanding volunteer service of an auxiliary during the Annual Wyoming Hospital Association Convention.

The Board feels all auxiliaries work together providing a concerted effort on behalf of the auxiliary to enhance the hospital's services.

The purpose of the Volunteers Organization is to provide an organized structure to facilitate the development and advancement of effective auxiliary participation in Wyoming health care facilities and thereby promote health service for all citizens of Wyoming.

Each institution is responsible for determining its own method of nominating and selecting the one (1)

program/project that its auxiliary performed during the past year that warrants consideration for the award.

The recipient of the award will be announced at the Wyoming Hospital Association Annual Convention to be held September 18 - September 19, 2013 in Sheridan, Wyoming. All nominations must be received by July 1, 2013.