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WHA Calendar:

- WHA PAC Golf Tournament
Cheyenne **9/25**
- Annual Meeting & Convention
Little America Cheyenne **9/26-9/27**

Other Events:

- Wyoming Quality Conference
Lander, WY **8/22-8/23**
- Mid America Summit
Des Moines, IA **9/5-9/7**

Convention Session Teaches Skills of Quality Champions

Hospitals have been focused on improving quality and patient safety for years.

But with an increasing federal focus and payments tied to quality, hospitals must sharpen their focus on these key areas even more.

A session at the Wyoming Hospital Association Annual Meeting and Convention will help with that focus. The convention is scheduled for September 26 and 27 at the Little America Hotel in Cheyenne.

During her session, "Creating and Leading Error-Free Management Systems," Diane Kelly, DrPH, RN, will discuss leadership skills and techniques designed to improve quality and patient safety by eliminating management error.

The program is sponsored by the Wyoming Chapter of Healthcare Executives.

Ms. Kelly is an expert in quality and performance excellence in healthcare delivery, as well as public health organizations, leadership development, international management development, and organizational development in rural settings and underserved populations.

She is a faculty member at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Public Health, at the Duke University School of Nurs-

ing, and in the Weber State University Health Administration Services Program.

During the session, participants will learn how to apply systems models to leverage senior management effectiveness.

They will also develop new tools to scrutinize management systems and identify factors that contribute to latent errors within healthcare organizations.

Participants will also learn how to take organizational and self assessments using the Joint Commission and Baldrige National Quality Program leadership tools. They will discover practical approaches to using performance data for understanding and achieving superior system performance.

Finally, they will identify leadership skills necessary to become a quality champion and how to assess individual participants' own leadership practices.

During her highly interactive session, Ms. Kelly draws on the latest multidisciplinary thinking to provide the skills needed to become a quality champion.

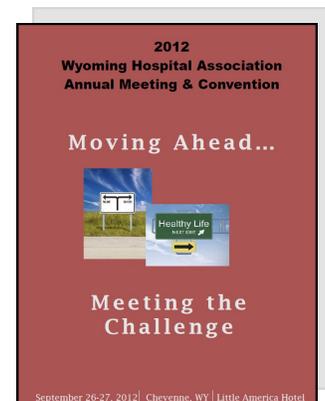
The session is set for Thursday, Sept. 27, from 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Participants in the session will earn three ACHE face-to-face education credits.

In addition to sessions focused on quality and patient safety, the convention will also feature presentations from Gov. Matt Mead and Department of Health Director Tom Forslund.

Additionally, Heather Roe Day, CEO of the e-Health Partnership, will discuss efforts that are currently underway to develop a statewide health information exchange.

The Sixth Annual WHA PAC Golf Tournament at the Cheyenne Country Club will also offer attendees the opportunity to contribute to the WHA's advocacy efforts during an afternoon of golf on the par 72, 18-hole course.

For more information about the WHA convention, visit www.wyohospitals.com, or call (307) 632-9344.





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CRMC Breaks Ground on New Cancer Center

The Wyoming Cancer Institute (WCI)—a service of Cheyenne Regional Medical Center—will break ground for its new comprehensive cancer center this summer.

Once completed, the center will provide oncology treatment and care in a state-of-the-art facility designed specifically to meet the needs of cancer patients and their family members.

“By building a new facility to house all cancer care services, Cheyenne Regional and the Wyoming Cancer

Institute are taking strides to ensure that high quality care remains here in the region,” said Tamela Thiede, Cheyenne Regional’s Oncology Services Director.

Scheduled to open in 2013, the new center will allow the WCI to expand its already wide array of cancer care.

The Radiation Oncology program will include a new state-of-the-art linear accelerator for treatment and a CT scanner for treatment planning. The TomoTherapy machine will also be moved

from the hospital’s main building to the new center.

Another improvement will be the close proximity of all cancer-related services. Currently, cancer patients must travel back and forth across town to receive care.

In the new center, all cancer-related care—including physician appointments, lab work, radiation oncology treatments, chemotherapy and infusions—will all take place under one roof.

AHRQ Launches Regional Research Partnership

The Federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) recently launched efforts to promote patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) in patient and professional communities in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and the U.S. territories.

AHRQ has established five Regional Partnership Development Offices that are cultivating sustainable partnerships with hospitals and health systems, patient advocacy organizations, businesses, and other

groups that serve clinicians, consumers and policymakers.

PCOR, also known as comparative effectiveness research, provides information that helps clinicians and patients work together to treat an illness or condition. PCOR compares drugs, medical devices, tests, surgeries, or ways to deliver health care.

AHRQ’s Effective Health Care Program works with researchers, research centers, and academic organizations to conduct the

research and focuses on 14 priority health conditions. The full research reports are made available, and findings are translated into practical patient and clinician materials.

To learn more about PCOR, order free materials, access free continuing education modules or to become part of this growing partnership network, please contact Kate Stabrawa in AHRQ’s Denver Regional Partnership Development Office at 303-382-2444 or kate.stabrawa@ahrq.hhs.gov.

WyAMSS Forms, Elects Slate of Officers

Three medical staff members at Wyoming Hospital Association member hospitals have been elected as officers for a newly formed association.

The Wyoming Association of Medical Staff Services formed this year with a primary focus of providing

local educational activities for its members.

Newly elected officers of WAMSS are President Amy Ligocki, Sheridan Memorial Hospital; President-Elect Tracey Welsh, Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County; Secretary/Treasurer Teeka Robertson, Iverson

Memorial Hospital.

Members of the organization will be those staff who are involved in credentialing and privileging practitioners or provider organizations and/or are involved with regulatory compliance in the healthcare industry.