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WHA Calendar:

WHA PAC Golf Tournament Sheridan	9/17
WHA Annual Meeting & Convention Sheridan	9/18- 9/19

Other Events:

2nd Annual Quality Conference Casper	8/21- 8/22
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ACHE Program Among Annual Meeting Highlights

The Wyoming Chapter of Healthcare Executives is once again pleased to be offering an excellent program within the agenda of the Wyoming Hospital Association annual convention.

John F. Sena, PhD has been secured to present “Managing Change: Thriving in the 21st Century” on Thursday afternoon, September 19, at the close of the conference being held at the Holiday Inn in Sheridan.

This program has been arranged directly through the American College of Healthcare Executives and is accredited for 3-hours of education credits for ACHE members.

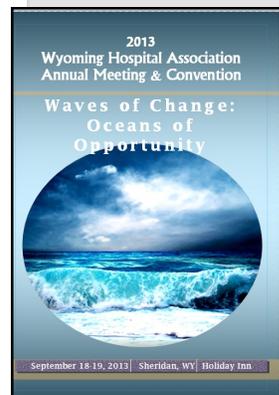
Dr. Sena is a professor and former assistant provost at Ohio State University, and is a seasoned presenter with ACHE at education conferences and events nationwide.

He has spoken on a variety of progressive healthcare topics, dating back to his previous work as an executive with Healthcare Research Systems, a medical outcomes measurement and marketing organization.

With this program, participants will learn and understand major healthcare changes and trends, while recognizing and developing the skills and tools to become a more effective manager of

change. The themes will apply to all settings, whether on an individual, departmental, or organizational level.

The ACHE program will serve as a very appropriate closing session to an aggressive WHA conference agenda. The opening keynote address on Wednesday morning will be delivered by Quint Studer, President of the Studer Group.



Mr. Studer is highly regarded and widely recognized as a leader in performance improvement and leadership strategies for organizational teams and professionals in many different industries and business environments.

He has authored numerous books and guides, and is a regular contributor to many business and management publications. The Studer

Group also offers a vast array of consultant services, so he will be sure to deliver a very engaging opening keynote.

The annual trade show will be featured following Studer’s address, with in excess of 50 healthcare product and services vendors already registered to participate.

WHA and the other related professional associations and societies will hold their respective annual business meetings on Wednesday afternoon, with the day concluding with the Chairman’s reception and the annual awards banquet.

Ahead of the ACHE program on Thursday, the morning will feature an excellent tract of presentations for the CEO and Trustee attendees.

Mountain-Pacific Quality Health will also play a prominent role in hosting education events on Thursday, with their Quality Awards lunch always certain to serve as a highlight and very rewarding piece of the conference agenda.

Please watch for the full convention brochure from WHA for additional details and registration information.

Registration can also be completed at the WHA website www.wyohospitals.com.




St. John's Awarded for Low Infection Rates

St. John's Medical Center has been recognized once again for patient safety and quality of care outcomes.

The Mountain-Pacific Quality Health Foundation awarded St. John's a "Certificate of Recognition for Excellence in Infection Prevention" for achieving zero catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI) and zero central line-associated blood stream infections (CLABSI) in 2012.

The National Healthcare Safety Network, a program

of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, requires hospitals to report this data for Intensive Care Units (ICUs).

According to Lynn Kirman, chief nursing officer, "This award highlights one of many examples of the excellent care we provide at St. John's." St. John's has implemented standardized, evidence-based practices that have helped earn this recognition, Kirman said.

She added, "We have maintained a very low overall infection rate, and we are

always striving for a rate of zero."

The medical and nursing staffs at St. John's Medical Center stay current and implement infection prevention best practices under the direction of St. John's infection prevention nurse, Claudia Edinger.

St. John's regularly consults with and receives education about new advances in infection prevention. St. John's continues to provide quality patient care to the community.

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

CMS Issues FY 2014 Inpatient Payment Rule

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule updating fiscal year (FY) 2014 Medicare payment policies and rates for inpatient stays at general acute care and long-term care hospitals (LTCHs).

The rule improves value and quality in hospital care and provides clarification about when a patient should be admitted to the hospital and responds to recent concerns about extended Medicare benefi-

ciary stays in the hospital outpatient department.

The final FY 2014 Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) rule increases overall hospital payments (capital and operating) by \$1.2 billion.

The rule also moves forward with health care delivery system reforms made possible by the Affordable Care Act.

These include a new program aimed at improving safety in hospitals and refining the Hospital Readmis-

sions Reduction program.

"This rule helps improve hospital care and establishes clearer guidance to hospitals for when we will consider inpatient care to be appropriate so the system works better for patients and providers," said CMS Administrator Marilyn Tavenner.

The final IPPS/LTCH PPS rule can be downloaded from the Federal Register at: <http://www.ofr.gov/inspection.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>.

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2nd Annual Wyoming Quality Conference

The 2nd Annual Wyoming Quality Conference will be held August 21 & 22 at the Bester Western Ramkota Hotel, Casper, WY.

"Reaching Your Peak Performance" will feature such topics as:

- Care Transitions
- Reducing Antipsychotic Drug Use in Dementia Care
- Preventative Health

- Reducing Adverse Drug Events

This is a free conference, including breaks and lunch. Registration is required to due to limited space. Please register online at www.uwyo.edu/geriatrics.

CEU's will be offered. Contact Pat Fritz, Conference Coordinator at 307-568-2797 or pfritz@wyqio.sdps.org.

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