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WHA Calendar:

WHA PAC Golf 9/23
Tournament

WHA Annual 9/24-
Meeting & 9/25
Convention
Cheyenne

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Leading Age 9/17-
Wyoming Fall 9/19
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Jackson, WY



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Hospital Engagement Network Prevents 143,000 Harms

Hospitals have made great progress in their journey to improve the care patients receive, according to results released recently by the American Hospital Association (AHA)/Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET) Hospital Engagement Network (HEN).

Hospital quality improved in areas such as readmissions, early elective deliveries and infections. Over the course of 28 months, more than 143,000 harms have been prevented with associated cost savings over \$1.3 billion.

As part of the federal Partnership for Patients initiative, the HEN project's goals are to reduce harm by 40 percent and readmissions by 20 percent.

The AHA/HRET HEN comprises 31 participating states and U.S. Territories and more than 1,500 hospitals.

Currently, Wyoming has 19 hospitals participating in the HEN.

The program has helped the hospital field develop the infrastructure, expertise and organizational culture that will support further improvements for years to come. Some highlights from the findings show:

- Nearly 19,000 early-elective deliveries have been prevented;
- More than 110,000 readmissions were prevented; and
- More than 8,500 infections were prevented.

The results will be released as part of the 2nd Annual Quality & Safety Roadmap meeting hosted by the Symposium for Leaders in Healthcare Quality (SLHQ), a new forum of the AHA.

The Roadmap meeting offers participants a focus on identifying and spreading effective practices for partnering with patients and families to eliminate harm and improve patient care.

"The latest results from the HEN effort are outstanding and highlight the success that quality improvement professionals can make within their hospitals and health systems," said Maulik Joshi, president of HRET and senior vice president for AHA.

"Our efforts to provide only the safest, highest-quality care are just beginning, and the HEN, through its hospital participants and state hospital partners, is making incredible strides forward.

The AHA/HRET HEN has accelerated improvement nationally, and patients are benefiting every day from the spread and implementation of best practices."

For more information on the project and to view the report, visit <http://www.hret-hen.org> or www.hret.org.

Founded in 1944, the Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET) is the not-for-profit research and education affiliate of the American Hospital Association (AHA).

HRET's mission is to transform health care through research and education. HRET's applied research seeks to create new knowledge, tools, and assistance in improving the delivery of health care by providers in the communities they serve.

For more information about HRET, visit www.hret.org.





Iverson Receives Studer Group Excellence in Patient Care Award

Iverson Memorial Hospital received an award from the Studer Group for having the Highest Performing HCAHPS results in the Responsiveness category.

Specifically, the Hospital received the Excellence in patient Care Award.

This award is a direct reflection on the great work the nurses, nursing assistants, therapists, housekeepers, nutrition assistants and

other employees are doing on the inpatient units.

IMH has implemented two main strategies to be more responsive to patients' needs.

Hourly Rounding – This effort has the nurses stopping in every hour to see if the patient's needs are being met such as pain control, bathroom needs or simply providing a convenience item.

No Pass Zone – We have asked all employees to stop in the room as they are passing by if the call light is on.



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

Mountain Pacific Remains QIO for Wyoming

Mountain-Pacific remains the Medicare QIO for Wyoming, Montana, Alaska, and Hawaii and the Pacific Territories.

The staff of Mountain Pacific continues working within these states, and with you on projects and initiatives directed at improving the quality of care for the people in the states and territories we serve.

As a bit of background, last year, CMS believed it could net greater efficiencies by completely restructuring the national Medicare quali-

ty improvement organization program (QIOs).

This meant that all 53 of the country's QIO contracts would be open for competition and that the work would be best accomplished on a regional basis.

CMS also believed that it could eliminate any perceived biases by separating case review from quality work and decided to award the case review portion of the QIO work to separate entities called Beneficiary and Family Centered Care Centers or BFCC QIOs.

KEPRO out of Ohio is the BFCC for Montana and Wyoming and Livanta in Maryland Baltimore takes care of case review in Alaska and Hawaii.

After a national and intense competition, Mountain-Pacific was awarded QIN-QIO contracts to continue to do quality improvement work in our four states.

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Wyoming Department of Health ED Survey

“In collaboration with researchers at the American Psychiatric Association, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, the Wyoming Department of Health is distributing a survey to gather information about current practices pertaining to suicide prevention

in Wyoming emergency departments.

This data and information will inform development of curriculum or programs in suicide assessment and care in EDs. All Wyoming hospitals are encouraged to complete the survey.

Any questions regarding the survey can be directed to Keith Hotle, Chronic Disease

& Substance Abuse Prevention Unit Manager, Wyoming Dept of Health, at keith.hotle@wyo.gov or 307 777-3318.

The survey is estimated to take 10-15 minutes to complete.

<https://redcap.vanderbilt.edu/surveys/?s=D7bLqaIgNU>