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Save The Date

WHA Annual Meeting & Convention
September 5-6, 2018
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WHA Calendar

WHA Trustee Education Session	5/17
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Wyoming Hospitals Meet Milestone 6 with HRET/HIIN

Wyoming efforts in reporting HIIN quality measures have garnered the attention of HRET. To meet the Milestone 6 threshold at least 70% of participating hospitals needed to report on at least 70% of reportable measures and that threshold was met and exceeded by a large margin. This is the highest success rate seen in Wyoming. **THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS!**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services awarded the Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET) a two-year Hospital Improvement Innovation Network contract to continue efforts to reduce all-cause inpatient harm by 20 percent and readmissions by 12 percent by 2019.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services awarded \$347 million to 16 organizations so serve as HIINs. The Wyoming Hospital Association is the lead in Wyoming for the AHA/HRET HIIN.

HIIN boldly aims to prevent patient harm in the following areas:

- Adverse drug events
- Catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI)
- Central line-associated blood stream infections (CLABSI)
- Clostridium difficile
- Injuries from falls and immobility

- Pressure ulcers
- Readmissions
- Sepsis and septic shock
- Surgical site infections
- Venous thromboembolism
- Ventilator-associated events
- Multi-drug resistant organisms
- Diagnostic errors
- Malnutrition in the inpatient setting
- Airway impairment
- Iatrogenic Delirium
- Undue exposure to radiation

In addition, the initiative is committed to implementing strategies to further

- Employee safety
- Patient and family engagement
- Equity of care
- High reliability
- Leadership engagement

Are you ready to review the data and compare your facility to state and national benchmarks? The HRET Comprehensive Data System (CDS) is the data warehouse used to track progress using dashboards, charts and reports. Access to CDS is available to all participating hospitals and additional training and reporting will be coming soon. Our team will be reviewing and validating data before creating improvement action plans for each hospital.

CDS data helps provide access to clinical advisors and subject matter experts (SMEs) who can assist with improvement questions and provide recommendations in identified areas.

Mark your calendars for March 22nd. We will be presenting a HRET Roadshow in Casper. This day-long workshop will be highly interactive and focused on experiential learning, peer-to-peer sharing and developing skills that can be applied to on-going improvement projects, with the goal of reducing all-cause inpatient harm.

More information on the Roadshow will be sent in the near future.

If you have any HIIN related success stories, please be sure to share with our team for opportunities to present them nationally. Please contact Shanelle Van Dyke at Shanelle.VanDyke@QualityReportingServices.com or Deb Anderson at dan-derson@mpqhf.org if you have any questions.



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WHA Resources is excited to introduce our most recently added partner. The WHA Resources board unanimously voted to endorse RadStar Med.

RadStar Med is a medical imaging company that



WHA Resources Vendor Spotlight RadStar Med

primarily focuses on the purchase of pre-owned imaging systems including radiology, cardiology, nuclear medicine and surgery. The principles and associates have in excess of thirty years' experience in the imaging industry including sales, management, service and engineering.

The goal, through the relationship with WHA, is to provide you with the best

possible pricing for your imaging systems that are either being replaced or upgraded.

RadStar Med looks forward to a mutually beneficial relationship with WHA and their membership.

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Wyoming Senators Sign FDA Letter

Sens. Michael Enzi and John Barrasso took action (today) to address shortages of Sodium Chloride 0.9 percent Injection Bags (IV fluid bags), amino acids, as well as other IV fluids, which are affecting hospitals in Wyoming and around the country.

The shortages are caused by production delays in Puerto Rico, where Hurricane Maria damaged or temporarily closed numerous manufacturing facilities. The Senators joined several colleagues

in sending a WHA-supported letter to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) asking it "use every authority at its disposal to address this crisis and present a plan to ensure immediate and sustained production of IV bags that also provides sufficient guidance to mitigate cost increases," the letter reads.

"We understand Puerto Rico's recovery is ongoing and will take time. We commend the FDA's ongoing efforts to provide a swift response to the complex challenges faced by the island's

drug manufacturers and welcome the opportunity to assist in your endeavors to ensure the IV fluid shortages are rectified in a timely fashion.

The ongoing shortage of medical products manufactured in Puerto Rico, specifically small volume IV fluid bags, has created a nationwide public health scare during the height of a severe flu season."

Several members of the House of Representatives also sent a letter to the FDA.

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

WY Primary Care Support Grant Program

The Wyoming Office of Rural Health is accepting applications under the Wyoming Primary Care Support Grant Program through April 3, 2018.

The Program provides grants to Community Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics for capital construction and start-up costs, as follows:

- 1) As one-time start-up costs for a new Community Health Center or Rural Health Clinic; or
- 2) to allow existing Community Health Centers or Rural Health Clinics to expand the population served, initiate new services, or facilitate compliance with quality criteria.

Questions, or to request a copy of the guidance please contact , Keri Wagner Healthcare Workforce and Primary Care Office Manager, Office of Rural Health, (307) 777-6512 or keri.wagner@wyo.gov

