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WHA Calendar:

WHA Annual Meeting Sheridan	9/20- 9/21
WHA Golf Tournament Buffalo, WY	9/19

Other Events:

Annual Wyoming Quality Conference Casper	8/9- 8/10
LeadingAge Wyoming Annual Meeting Sheridan	9/20- 9/21

2017 Wyoming Quality Conference – August 9-10 in Casper

Registration is now open for the annual Wyoming Quality Healthcare Conference:

Reaching Your Peak Performance – to be held August 9-10 at the Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center in Casper.

Mountain-Pacific Quality Health serves as the primary host of this annual educational event, with supporting sponsorship provided by the Wyoming Hospital Association, LeadingAge Wyoming, the Wyoming Health Care Association and the UW Center on Aging.

The conference will again be driven by a diverse agenda serving health care providers and caregivers, with programs and presentations featuring key elements of MPQH’s current goals structured in the CMS directed 11th Scope of Work.

In addition, a specific track of educational offerings directly pertain to various areas of key interest in infection prevention.

In general, conference participants will engage in a wide variety of topics, focused on quality improvement protocols and best practices in areas including – cardiac health, reducing disparities in diabetes care, coordination of patient care, adverse drug event prevention, and reducing health care acquired conditions.

All sessions will include evidence-based analysis and

supporting data detail to fully background all participants in specific clinical areas.

National and local experts will be presenting on day-one of the conference, including Heather Johnson & Kelly Klund with Empira Healthcare, Powell’s very own Faith Jones presenting on care coordination, Andrea Cote & Cody Loveland with WDH, and MPQH’s Sharon Phelps and pharmacist Stevi Sy respectively presenting separate breakout sessions on MACRA & MIPS and strategies in reducing adverse drug events.

Jackie Conrad with CynosureHealth, presenting on patient & family engagement and Michelle Christiansen with Medline round out the opening day presentations.

Thursday will feature an excellent opening keynote session, with CynosureHealth’s Jackie Conrad & Maryanne Whitney presenting “High Reliability Organizational Focus – the IHI Model”.

The balance of the day will include extensive coverage in the areas of

long-term care, best practices and protocols in sepsis management, infection prevention and antibiotic stewardship.

Tim Cozad, LTC Lead Surveyor with the WYO Dept of Health will be presenting on the infection prevention and antibiotic topics.

As a result of the excellent level of financial support generously provided by the conference partners, the registration fee is a very minimal \$30 per day, with continuing education credits available for health care professionals.

Registration is available online at www.uwyo.edu/wycoa - space is indeed limited, so registrations by August 4th is required.

Questions and additional details can be directed to Genee Miller with MPQH at gmliller@mpqhf.org or phone 307 472-0507.

Save the Date!

2017 Wyoming Quality Health Care Conference

Quality, Cost and You

August 9 & 10, 2017
*Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center
 800 N Poplar St., Casper, WY*

Featured topics:
 *Reducing falls and pressure injuries
 *MACRA and MIPS
 *Infection prevention
 *Antibiotic stewardship

Registration opens May 2017. Visit www.uwyo.edu/wycoa/ to learn more or contact Genee Miller at 307-472-0507 ext. 1 or gmliller@mpqhf.org.

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SMH Nurse Residency Program

Sheridan Memorial Hospital (SMH) has achieved accreditation from the American Nurses Association Nurses Credentialing Center for its nurse residency program.

This accreditation validates hospital residency or fellowship programs that transition registered nurses (RNs) and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs)

into new practice settings that meet rigorous, standards for quality and excellence.

Chief Nursing Officer Charlotte Mather said the hospital applied for the accreditation this year.

The residency program started at the hospital about four years ago, and has been improved on every year since.

She said the hospital works with Sheridan College, since the large percent-

age of the hospital's new nurses are from Sheridan College which includes working with instructors and letting the students know about the nurse residency program and the application process, and encouraging them to apply for the six-month program.

Mather said the hospital has a great retention rate from the residency program.

WY Leaders in Medicine Physician Leadership Academy

The Wyoming Medical Society has received a \$150,000 grant from the Physician Foundation to fund a leadership program for Wyoming physicians.

The program will allow a cohort of between 15-and-20 Wyoming physicians to take part in the program each year. The inaugural program will get started in October of 2017.

To apply to be a part of the 2017 Wyoming Leaders In Medicine Co-

hort, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WLMApplication> and return the information by August 15.

The program will be broken up into seven two-day sessions which will be delivered in various locations around the state to allow for observation and debate on healthcare delivery models and public policy

In developing the program, The Wyoming Medical Society will partner with Leadership Wyoming, The

University of Wyoming School of Health and Sciences, WWAMI, and the Wyoming Hospital Association who will join the program's Advisory Council which will be made up predominantly of Wyoming physicians.

The Wyoming Medical Society has contracted with FutureSync, International, a Montana firm which was key in the development of the Montana Medical Association's successful physician leadership program.

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

HHS Issues Preparedness Guide for August Solar Eclipse

The Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response has released a resource to help emergency health care planners and providers prepare for and address response concerns related to the Aug. 21 solar eclipse.

"It is expected that millions will travel to locations across the country to view this rare event," the document notes. "Many of these locations are rural with limited health care infrastructure, and since these sites are not (yet) officially sponsored, the typical augmentation of resources that accompanies planned mass gatherings will not take place."

The resource provides links to factsheets, checklists, locally-developed guidance documents and news articles on eye safety, injury treatment and planned mass gatherings.

The resource can be found at <https://asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/aspr-tracie-solar-eclipse-resources.pdf>

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