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Declines in Hospital-Acquired Conditions Save 8,000 Lives and \$2.9 Billion

Data released today by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) show continued progress in improving patient safety, a signal that initiatives led by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) are helping to make care safer.

National efforts to reduce hospital-acquired conditions, such as adverse drug events and injuries from falls helped prevent an estimated 8,000 deaths and save \$2.9 billion between 2014 and 2016, according to the report.

The AHRQ National Scorecard on Hospital-Acquired Conditions estimates that 350,000 hospital-acquired conditions were avoided and the rate was reduced by 8 percent from 2014 to 2016. Federal experts note that the gains in safety among hospital patients echoed earlier successes, including 2.1 million hospital-acquired conditions avoided between 2010 and 2014.

CMS has set a goal of reducing hospital-acquired conditions by 20 percent from 2014 through 2019. Through the work of the Hospital Improvement Innovation Networks (HIINs), CMS drives this aim through intensive, focused quality improvement assistance to more than 4,000 of the nation's 5,000 hospitals by spreading best practices in harm reduction.

The Wyoming Hospital Association is a part of the HIIN.

The HIINs, together with federal agencies, private partners and patient advocacy organizations work collaboratively to make hospital care safer.

Once the 20 percent reduction goal is met, AHRQ projects that during 2015 through 2019 there would be 1.8 million fewer patients with hospital-acquired conditions, resulting in 53,000 fewer deaths and saving \$19.1 billion in hospital costs from 2015 through 2019.

Examples of hospital-acquired conditions include adverse drug events, catheter-associated urinary tract infections, central-line associated bloodstream infections, pressure injuries, and surgical site infections, among others.

"Today's results show that this is a tremendous accomplishment by America's hospitals in delivering high-quality, affordable healthcare," said CMS Administrator Seema Verma.

"CMS is committed to moving the healthcare system to one that improves quality and fosters innovation while reducing administrative burden and lowering costs. This work could not be accomplished without the concerted effort of our many hospital, patient, provider, private, and federal partners—all working together to ensure the best possible care by protecting pa-

tients from harm and making care safer."

To that end, CMS supports multiple programs and initiatives focused on making care safer. Among them are the Quality Improvement Network – Quality Improvement Organizations (QIN-QIOs), activities of the HIINs, and the ESRD (End Stage Renal Disease) Network Program. These networks provide direct technical assistance and support the spread of evidence-based best practices to reduce HACs via systematic quality improvement work.

AHRQ analyzes data on these conditions and calculates rates to help HHS track efforts to reduce patient harm by 20 percent from 2014 to 2019.

To view the AHRQ report, please visit: <https://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/quality-patient-safety/pfp/index.html>

For a fact sheet on CMS-led patient safety efforts, please visit: <https://www.cms.gov/Newsroom/MediaReleaseDatabase/Fact-sheets/2018-Fact-sheets-items/2018-06-05.html>

WHA Calendar

WHA CEO Regional Meeting Worland	6/28
WHA Golf Tournament Laramie	9/4
WHA Annual Meeting & Convention Laramie	9/5-9/6

Fundraising Complete for the Hospital's New MRI Suite

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

The Sheridan Memorial Hospital Foundation announced at the Hospital Trustee meeting on May 30, 2018, that the \$1.6 million MRI Campaign is now complete thanks to philanthropy and the generosity of this community.

Plans for the new suite were developed last fall, and in October 2017 The Foundation began the community campaign.

The renovation and new state-of-the-art MRI equipment will enable the hospital to meet expanding

diagnostic care needs for the community and region.

The Hospital Foundation's Chief Development Officer Cody Sinclair made the announcement saying, "This project has a tremendous impact on patient care with 2,500 scans annually. Our Foundation Board worked with us to promote the importance and many stepped up to help out with gifts including the project's major donor The Vernon and Rowena Griffith Foundation,

community members, other family foundations, as well as 430 employees through The Foundation's Employee Partner Program. It has been a great process and the hospital plans to open the new suite in June. Once completed it will dramatically improve our patients' experience in terms of comfort, speed, and sound."



Flex and SHIP Grants | Office of Rural Health

The following is a report from Kyle Cameron, Flex/SHIP Program Manager

A few weeks ago I had the honor of attending the 2018 Rural EMS and Care Conference in Tucson Arizona. While I was there I met some outstanding people who work in Wyoming's rural Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

Health, hope, support, and a desire improve services around Wyoming is a focus for each one of these EMS agencies and the people that work there.

If you know anyone in Wyoming's rural EMS community, would you take a moment to thank them for their service. I want to thank these guys for sharing stories about their experiences and for their continued desire to

improve Wyoming's healthcare services. Chris Beltz, Campbell County; Eric Quinney, Uinta County; Jeremy Littleton, Converse County; Kirk Bollinger, Kirk Bollinger, and Scott Bagnell, Park County.

I look forward to working with you in the future and I look forward to meeting more of Wyoming's EMS teams.

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**Annual Goal
\$8500**

Hospira Recalls Certain Naloxone Injection Products

Hospira is voluntarily recalling two lots of naloxone hydrochloride injection, used to treat opioid overdoses, because they may contain particulate matter on the syringe plunger, the Food and Drug Administration announced yesterday.

The lots were distributed to hospitals, wholesalers and others in the United States, Puerto Rico and Guam. The company has notified hospitals and others to arrange for return of the recalled product, which should not be used or distributed.

Adverse reactions or quality problems associated with the products may be reported to the FDA's Med-Watch program. No adverse events have been reported to date.