



Wyoming Hospital Association

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Informational Newsletter for Wyoming Hospitals

Save The Date

WHA Annual Meeting & Convention
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Laramie, WY

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2018 WHA Convention Topics

We are honored to have Rulon Stacey, PhD, Managing Director of Navigant as our Keynote speaker. Dr. Rulon Stacey is a managing director and leader of Navigant's Healthcare Strategy business unit.

As a nationally recognized healthcare leader, Dr. Stacey brings a future-focused, leadership-driven approach to clients, as well as a unique understanding of provider issues, leadership and governance challenges, and strategy alternatives.

He provides expertise in the design and development of initiatives that support cultural and organizational changes needed for ongoing success as health systems evolve from fee-for-service to a value-based environment.

Workplace violence in healthcare has definitely been in the news lately. This session will provide an overview of the current state of workplace violence in health care and the associated risk factors and cost.

We will discuss techniques and strategies to assist you in mitigating and preventing violence in your hospitals and communities while understanding the existing reporting and tracking challenges and opportunities. This program will provide:

- Deeper awareness of the current state of workplace violence in healthcare
- Identify techniques and strategies to mitigate and prevent violence in healthcare organizations
- Understand the importance of reporting and tracking/ trending data on workplace violence
- Define the costs associated with workplace violence

Laura Castellanos will be presenting this program. She is an associate director at the American Hospital Association's (AHA) Health Research and Educational Trust (HRET). In her role, Laura manages the association-wide initiative Hospitals Against Violence focusing on educating the health care field on leading practices and innovative approaches to workplace safety and community violence prevention, including human trafficking, youth violence, workplace safety and workforce resiliency.

We will be hearing from Medcity on the WYFI. The excitement for the Wyoming Frontier Health Information (WYFI) is growing! WYFI is a health information exchange now available for providers and stakeholders within and surrounding the State of Wyoming. WYFI supports

and is working toward the vision of creating community-based virtual medical records and other clinical applications to promote a healthier Wyoming through a statewide secure, connected, and coordinated health IT system.

Participating in WYFI will not cost providers a fee to participate through the year 2021, and will provide access to patient clinical data immediately upon provider participation. WYFI will be initially funded by the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) in partnership with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

A complete brochure and registration information is available on our website at wyohospitals.com. Of course, you can always call our office for more information 307-632-9344.



WHA Calendar

WHA Golf Tournament Laramie	9/4
WHA Annual Meeting & Convention Laramie	9/5-9/6

PAC CONTRIBUTORS 2018

Irene Richardson
Heidi Baskfield
Barry Burkart
Wyo Behavioral Institute
Eric Boley
Doug Faus
Shelby Olind
Doug McMillan
Andy Fitzgerald
Mergie Molitor
Ryan Smith
Mike McCafferty
Maureen Cadwell

Annual Goal
\$8500

SMH Offers Cutting Edge Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery



Sheridan Memorial Hospital recently purchased and installed cutting-edge technology for spinal surgery.

The new system, ExcelsiusGPS™ manufactured by Globus, is the latest medical technology advancement in robotic spine surgery and the only platform with robotic guidance and navigation combined into one technology.

The new design enhances safety and accuracy, taking minimally inva-

sive spinal procedures to the next highest level.

Sheridan Memorial Hospital is the fifth hospital in the western United States and 20th in the country to have the combined robotic and navigation technology.

“Minimally invasive spine surgery is another example of our commitment to provide the best and most technically advanced patient care services in our community,” says Mike McCafferty, CEO of Sheridan Memorial Hospital. “We are excited to be on

the forefront of this amazing revolutionary technology and what that means for our patients and our community.”

Use of the new equipment offers numerous benefits to the patient including smaller incision, greater precision, less operating time, less blood loss, less tissue/muscle damage, less radiation exposure, less risk for infection, better outcomes, shorter hospital stay and faster recovery.

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

Pesticide Use in the Health Care Setting

Healthcare and public facilities pose a challenge to the maintenance personnel responsible for maintaining a clean environment. Effective cleaning of public areas is critical to insure this environment does not contribute to facility acquired infections.

EPA contacted the Departments of Agriculture following inspections in public and healthcare fa-

cilities with concerns of incorrect pesticide use. Misuse of these products prompted initiation of a dialogue with us to open a line of communication with those facilities and offer compliance assistance.

Pesticide applicator training is available in the state through the University of Wyoming Pesticide Education Program, supported jointly by EPA and the Wyo-

oming Department of Agriculture. Should you desire more information, contact Jeff Edwards, UW Pesticide Education Coordinator at jedward4@uwyo. Edu or the Wyoming Department of Agriculture at 307-777-7321.

They will present a webinar sometime in the future on using microbials, disinfectants, and sanitizers in your facilities correctly.



Helmsley Charitable Trust/Radiology Equipment

In the spring of 2018, the Helmsley Charitable Trust's Rural Healthcare Program surveyed healthcare facilities in its seven-state funding area to learn about community health, capital, and workforce needs. A large percentage of responding facilities reported radiology equipment, particularly fixed and portable X-ray,

C-arm, and fluoroscopy, as a top capital priority. However, due to lower reimbursement rates, replacing this equipment is often deferred.

The Rural Healthcare Program has therefore launched a Radiology Equipment Initiative, a funding opportunity for qualifying Critical Access Hospitals and not-for-profit clinics (including Rural Health Clinics and Federally

Qualified Health Centers) in Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

Qualifying facilities may apply for funding to purchase new radiology equipment through a twelve-month grant.

For more information, visit Helmsley's webpage at <https://helmsleytrust.org/radiology-initiative>.

