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Wyoming Hospital Association

News briefs

Drug Diversion Program to be Offered at Annual Meeting -September 8-9

The Wyoming Hospital Association/LeadingAge Wyoming Annual Meeting will be held September 8-9. This year's meeting will be held at the Clari-on Inn, Casper.

We are excited to announce that we have secured Theresa Vidals, B.S.Pharm., to present a program on "Implementing a Drug Diversion Program." All nursing personnel are encouraged to attend this timely program.

Estimates are that between 10-15% of healthcare professionals are afflicted with an alcohol or drug addiction. How many nurses does your organization employ? Come prepared with that an-

swer. When healthcare professionals with a substance abuse problem care for patients they put the facility, the patient, and themselves at risk. For these reasons, all facilities need a comprehensive drug diversion prevention and monitoring program. Learn why a program is needed, the steps involved in implementing a comprehensive program, and get a look into what is required of a drug diversion specialist.

Theresa Vidals, B.S.Pharm. Theresa "Terri" has been a pharmacist for over 30 years with 15 years of experience in medication safety and drug diversion monitoring. Her background includes work in various clinical roles, as well as

leadership roles such as Pharmacy Operations Manager, Medication Safety Officer and Pharmacy Director. She has overseen and started diversion monitoring programs at healthcare facilities. She is a subject matter expert in drug diversion monitoring and the Founder of Rxpert Solutions.



Monoclonal Antibody Webinar for WHA Members

"Monoclonal Antibody Therapeutics for COVID-19 Surge: Important Updates of Hospital Leaders and Other Healthcare Professionals"

This timely and important webinar will be held July 30th beginning at 8:00 a.m.

The webinar will discuss strategies and best practices for efficient use of these therapeutics in the hospital and emergency department setting. Federal COVID-19 Therapeutics Team

medical experts will meet with Wyoming healthcare leaders and providers to discuss the use of monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) in the treatment of early diagnosed patients with COVID and mitigating the progression of the disease.

The webinar and discussion will provide an overview of monoclonal antibodies, the federal strategy for the distribution and administration of these therapeutics, and offer success stories and best practices in the

use of these products. Presenting the program will be Michael R Anderson, MD MBA FAAP FCCM (ctr), Senior Advisor, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response (ASPR), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Login information has been sent to WHA member hospitals, but feel free to call with any questions or concerns.



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2021 REVIEW
OF PHYSICIAN AND ADVANCED PRACTITIONER
RECRUITING INCENTIVES

An overview of the salaries, signing bonuses, and other incentives offered to recruit physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners. Based on a representative sample of 2,458 search engagements.

TOP TEN PHYSICIAN STARTING SALARIES

1. Cardiology (Interventional) \$611,000	2. Orthopedic Surgery \$546,000	3. Gastroenterology \$453,000	4. Cardiology (Non-invasive) \$446,000	5. Radiology \$401,000
6. Hematology/Oncology \$385,000	7. Pulmonology \$385,000	8. Dermatology \$378,000	9. Anesthesiology \$367,000	10. Oral Maxillofacial Surgery \$349,000

For a complete copy of Merritt Hawkins' 2021 Review of Physician and Advanced Practitioner Recruiting Incentives, visit www.merrithawkins.com or email us at info@merrithawkins.com.

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Each year, Merritt Hawkins, the nation's leading physician search firm, releases a report showing the starting salaries, signing bonuses and other incentives used to recruit physicians and advanced practice professionals. Now in its 28th year, the report provides benchmark data that is widely referenced by health care administrators, healthcare professionals, policy makers and media members nationwide.

It is a pleasure to announce that MedChi Partner Merritt Hawkins, 2021 Review of Physician and Advanced Practitioner Recruiting Incentives now is available. Attached is an infographic that includes key findings from the Review.

If you would like a copy of the Review, or if you would like to discuss your current recruiting needs, please contact Jeff Waddill, Merritt Hawkins Regional Vice President, 469-524-7462 or Jeff.Waddill@merrithawkins.com.

**WHA Golf Tournament—September, 7
Paradise Valley Golf Club, Casper**

**WHA Annual Meeting—September 8-9
Clarion Inn, Casper, Wyoming**

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MHSC Receives Gold Seal of Approval



Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for Hospital Accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal is a symbol of quality that reflects a healthcare organization's commitment to providing safe and quality patient care.

The hospital underwent a rigorous, unannounced onsite review May 6-7. During the visit, a team of Joint Commission reviewers evaluated compliance with hospital accreditation standards spanning several areas including the emergency department, radiology, pharmacy, ICU, medical/surgical unit, kitchen and dietary, the Specialty Clinics, medical staff credentialing, environment of care, infection prevention and control, leadership, medication man-

agement, and rights and responsibilities of the individual.

"We are pleased to receive full accreditation of our hospital from The Joint Commission, the leading healthcare quality improvement and accrediting body in the nation," said CEO Irene Richardson.

"Everyone did an excellent job of preparing for The Joint Commission visit and I am proud of our staff's commitment to quality and their efforts in making this such a successful survey."

"As a private accreditor, The Joint Commission surveys healthcare organizations to protect the public by identifying deficiencies in care and working with those organizations to correct them as quickly and sustainably as possible," said Mark Pelletier, RN, MS, chief operating of-

ficer, Accreditation and Certification Operations, and chief nursing executive, The Joint Commission. "We commend Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County for its continuous quality improvement efforts in patient safety and quality of care."

Accreditation is a continuous process. The Joint Commission's accreditation cycle at Sweetwater Memorial is effective beginning May 8, and is valid for three years. Accreditation is a way of evaluating the hospital's quality and safety. It is an independent audit of the processes that Sweetwater Memorial uses to deliver high-quality patient care.

