



News briefs

AHA Releases Guide to Help Hospitals Address Workforce Challenges

The American Hospital Association has released the first report in a three-part series that will offer immediate and long-term strategies to help hospital and health system leaders navigate workforce challenges and opportunities.

The first report offers strategies and resources to support workforce well-being and behavioral health and prevent workplace violence. Future reports will look at data and technology to support the workforce; and strategies and staffing models to support recruitment, retention, diversity, equity and inclusion.

“America’s health care workforce is the heart of health care,” said Rick Pollack, AHA president and CEO. “The AHA has sounded the alarm repeatedly that our

workforce is in crisis, and the national emergency demands immediate attention from health care leaders and policymakers at every level of government. As part of our ongoing efforts to support the field, we have developed this new guide with strategies and resources that can help hospital and health system leaders navigate these complex challenges.”

The AHA Board of Trustees’ Task Force on Workforce has provided guidance for the series, with input from AHA members.

“Despite the most trying of circumstances, our health care workforce continues to give of themselves to offer healing and consolation, night and day,

day-in and day-out,” said Ron Werft, task force chair and president and CEO of Cottage Health. “There is no higher priority than ensuring that we care for the caregiver, that we make our working environment safe and that we foster the ability for individuals to have joy in their work.”

AHA members can access a digital toolkit to help promote these workforce efforts at aha.org



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WHA Golf Tournament
September 6, 2022
Jacobus Golf Club
Laramie, Wyoming

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September 7-8, 2022
Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center/
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Laramie, Wyoming

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- July 12: [Medicare and Retirement](#)
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- July 26: [How Medicare Special Needs Plans Work](#)

The Well Advised presenters will answer your questions during these events. You may also submit questions in advance to info@well-advised.com.

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Banner Wyoming Medical Center Awarded Advanced Primary Stroke Center certification from The Joint Commission



Banner Wyoming Medical Center has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® and the American Heart/Stroke Association's Heart-Check mark for Advanced Primary Stroke Center Certification. Wyoming Medical Center has recertified its Primary Stroke Center status since first receiving it in 2015.

Wyoming Medical Center underwent a rigorous, unannounced virtual review March 10-11, 2022. During the visit, a team of Joint Commission reviewers evaluated compliance with related certification standards including program management, supporting self-management, and delivering and facilitating clinical care.

"I'm so proud to lead the amazing team that has built our Primary Stroke Center from the ground up and continues to prioritize the highest quality stroke care in the region," said Dr. David Wheeler, neurologist and medical director of

our Primary Stroke Center. "This is only possible in our small town because of the passion for quality and excellence exhibited by team members from every part of Wyoming Medical Center."

"Advance Primary Stroke Center Certification recognizes health care organizations committed to fostering continuous quality improvement in patient safety and quality of care," says Mark Pelletier, RN, MS, chief operating officer, Accreditation and Certification Operations, and chief nursing executive, The Joint Commission. "We commend Wyoming Medical Center for using certification to reduce variation in its clinical processes and to strengthen its program structure and management framework for stroke patients."

Wyoming Medical Center's stroke team is made up of members from nearly every department in the hospital including EMS, ER nurses and physicians, radiology, laboratory, pharmacy, ICU, neurology, therapies, case managers and more. The team meets monthly to analyze the latest data, collaborate on best care

practices and troubleshoot areas that need improvement.

"It's really a privilege to ensure our community gets access to the best and fastest stroke treatment," said Sara Kemper, clinical stroke program manager at Wyoming Medical Center. Stroke is the fifth-leading cause of death and the leading cause of long-term disability in the United States.

"We congratulate Wyoming Medical Center for this outstanding achievement," says Nancy Brown, chief executive officer, the American Heart/Stroke Association. "This certification reflects its commitment to providing the highest quality of care for stroke patients."

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