

Externally Funded Research Projects Division of Quality Measurement and Research

> Exploring Consumer Understanding and Use of Electronic Hospital Quality Information

Funder: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)

Start Date: 2/15/2008 **End Date:** 11/14/2009

Investigate how existing principles for the presentation of information can be applied to comparative hospital clinical quality information such that consumers can accurately verbalize the meaning of the information and are inclined to use it to make health care decisions.

> Measuring and Improving Care for Osteoporosis: A Proposal to Specify and Alpha Test Indicators of Performance

Funder: The Alliance for Better Bone Health

Start Date: 7/1/2009 **End Date:** 12/31/2009

Specify and Alpha test the osteoporosis measures identified in the 'Measuring and Improving Care for Osteoporosis: A proposal to identify and Disseminate Indicators of Performance' study.

> Extending the Cure

Funder: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)

Subcontract through: Resources for the Future, Inc.

Start Date: 1/1/2009 **End Date:** 12/31/2009

Assist in development and implementation of a survey to identify the administrative incentives and structures that are associated with successful implementation of an infection control plan.

> Addressing Culture and Language to Improve Health Care Outcomes and Narrow the Gap (Palm Beach ACTION)

Funder: Allegheny Franciscan Ministries, Inc.

Start Date: 10/1/2008 **End Date:** 1/29/2010

Explore how hospitals in Florida's Palm Beach, St. Lucie, and Martin Counties are providing services that address patients' cultural and linguistic needs.

> Prevalence of Smoke-free Campus Policies in U.S. Hospitals and Best Practices for Policy Implementation

Funder: Flight Attendant Medical Research Institute (FAMRI)

Subcontract through: Henry Ford Health System

Start Date: 7/1/2007 **End Date:** 6/30/2010

Assess national hospital smoke-free campus policies and develop a toolkit that facilitates hospitals' transition to smoke-free campuses. Three option years beginning in 2010.

> **National Quality Measures Clearinghouse/National Guidelines Clearinghouse Subcontract**

Funder: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

Subcontract through: ECRI

Start Date: 8/1/2007 **End Date:** 7/31/2010

Depict the national measurement environment including a description of the relationship between and among key national organizations. Develop educational programs about the measurement environment.

> **Action on Patient Safety: High 5's**

Funder: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

Subcontract through: Joint Commission Resources (JCR)

Start Date: 8/18/2008 **End Date:** 8/17/2010

Achieve significant, sustained, and measurable reduction in the occurrence of specific patient safety problems within multiple countries. The project seeks to build an international, collaborative learning network that fosters the sharing of knowledge and experience in implementing innovative, standardized operating protocols that address patient safety problems.

> **Patient Safety Organization Privacy Protection Center (PSOPPC)**

Funder: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

Subcontract through: Iowa Foundation for Medical Care

Start Date: 9/24/2007 **End Date:** 9/23/2010

Establish and maintain a database to accept Patient Safety Organization data. De-identify the data and monitor the accuracy and completeness of submissions. Two option years after 2010.

> **Evaluating the Use of Rapid Testing for Influenza in Outpatient Medical Settings**

Funder: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Start Date: 9/29/2007 **End Date:** 9/28/2010

Evaluate how rapid tests for influenza are implemented and used in outpatient medical settings in solo and group practice physician offices, Community Health Centers, and acute care hospital EDs. The Joint Commission has received additional funds from the CDC to expand the sample size of this project.

> **Strategies to Reduce Time to Reperfusion for Acute Myocardial Infarction: Hospital Level Variation in Key Quality Indicators**

Funder: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

Subcontract through: Yale University School of Public Health

Start Date: 10/1/2009 **End Date:** 9/30/2010

Investigate the hospital-based strategies most strongly associated with patient outcomes after AMI, as measured by 30-day mortality rates.

> **Improving Rates of Tdap Vaccination among Health Care Personnel and Adult Patients**

Funder: Sanofi Pasteur

Start Date: 11/15/2009 **End Date:** 11/15/2010

Develop a monograph highlighting successful strategies to improve immunization rates for Tdap among Health Care Personnel (HCP) and the adult patients they serve.

> **RWJF Pioneer Portfolio Project - CAST**

Funder: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)

Subcontract through: Johns Hopkins University

Start Date: 2/1/2009 **End Date:** 1/31/2011

Lay the groundwork for establishing the equivalent of the Commercial Aviation Safety Team (CAST) in health care which will identify, prioritize and mitigate risks that cause patient harm.

> **Proposal to Develop, Specify, Test and Implement Standardized Global Performance Measures for Tobacco Cessation and Alcohol Screening**

Funder: Partnership for Prevention and SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)

Start Date: 6/1/2009 **End Date:** 2/1/2011

Identify, specify, and test a set of evidence-based global standardized performance measures for tobacco use counseling and alcohol screening.

> **Proposal to Test the Standardized Performance Measures for Blood Management**

Funder: Zymogenetics and the Institute for Transfusion Medicine's (ITxM) Blood Science Foundation

Start Date: 8/1/2009 **End Date:** 4/1/2011

Test the standardized performance measures for blood management developed through a previous proposal funded by Bayer Healthcare.

> **Technical Assistance Proposal for the Development of Breast Cancer Performance Measures**

Funder: Oncology Nursing Society (ONS)

Start Date: 10/1/2009 **End Date:** 6/1/2011

Assist the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) in specifying, testing and finalizing their performance measures for breast cancer care.

> **Assessment of Novel Strategies for Preventing Bloodstream Infections (BSI) in Patients Undergoing Hemodialysis**

Funder: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

Subcontract through: Yale New Haven Health System (YNHHS)

Start Date: 9/28/2009 **End Date:** 9/28/2011

Perform exploratory and developmental work that will lead to the design of a study that definitively establishes the incremental benefit of antimicrobial lock use when added to currently recommended practices for preventing catheter-associated BSI in hemodialysis patients.

> **Test and Specify Performance Measures for Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA)**

Funder: Medtronic, St. Jude Medical, and Boston Scientific

Start Date: 10/1/2009 **End Date:** 1/1/2012

Phase II of a project to specify and test standardized performance measures for sudden cardiac arrest.

> **Guide to Patient and Family Engagement in Health Care Quality and Safety in the Hospital Setting: Development, Implementation and Evaluation**

Funder: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

Subcontract through: American Institutes for Research (AIR)

Start Date: 9/21/2009 **End Date:** 3/21/2013

Promote patient and family engagement in hospital settings by: 1) developing, piloting, and revising a Guide to Patient and Family Engagement in Hospital Quality and Safety; 2) implementing and evaluating the Guide in a limited number of settings; 3) broadly disseminating the Guide and providing technical assistance to implementers. The Joint Commission's role is primarily in dissemination.

> **Proposal to Identify and Test Quality Indicators for the Portuguese Health System**

Funder: ERS

Start Date: 1/26/2009 **End Date:** 1/26/2014

Develop and test a set of standardized performance measures for the Portuguese Health System.