New video: Collaborating with physician leaders

The Joint Commission continues to engage physician leaders on discussions about the standards, survey processes, pressing patient safety issues and other issues. In the newest video from The Joint Commission, "Collaborating with physician leaders," hear your colleagues talk about their impressions and experiences at a recent Physician Leader Forum held at The Joint Commission Central Office in Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.

New memory care accreditation requirements and certification option

To address the prevalence of patients and residents with dementia in nursing care centers, The Joint Commission has developed new memory care accreditation requirements and is offering a new Memory Care Certification option. The accreditation requirements support care initiatives focusing on patients with memory-impacting conditions such as Alzheimer's or dementia. The certification option recognizes specialized dementia care at accredited nursing care centers. The requirements are effective July 1, 2014. For more information, visit the website.

Revised requirements for stroke centers

Revised requirements for the Advanced Certification for Primary Stroke Centers (PSC) program bring them up-to-date with the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's 2013 Guidelines for Early Management of Patients with Acute Ischemic Stroke. The

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enhancements address the time frame for the administration of IV thrombolytic therapy, among other issues. Revised requirements for the Advanced Certification for Comprehensive Stroke Centers (CSC) program incorporate additional research, address evolutions in the science of stroke care, and address several issues that were identified during the first months of review for the program, including volumes for aneurysmal clippings, aneurysmal coilings, and aneurysmal subarachnoid hemorrhages. The revised requirements are effective July 1, 2014.

We want to hear from you on ....

- Proposed requirements for a new Perinatal Care Certification program. Deadline for comment is March 26.

- Diagnostic imaging standards changes for radiologists’ qualifications and competency. Deadline for comment is April 10.

Joint Commission blogs: Help your medical staff shine during survey. Field director Anne C. Bauer, M.D., notes that organizations that take the time to prepare their physicians for the on-site surveys have better experiences.

In pursuit of high reliability. Anne Marie Benedicto, chief of staff and executive vice president, talks about the recent Milbank Quarterly article that describes a model for high-reliability health care that incorporates the interrelated components of leadership,
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