Largest attendance on record for 2017 forum
The Joint Commission's 6th Annual Physician Leader Forum, held April 3-4, boasted the largest attendance to date. See the photo album recap and our new Annual Physician Leader Forum portal.

Select Medical wins first Physician Leader Forum Challenge
Select Medical, based in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, is the first recipient of The Joint Commission's Physician Leader Forum Challenge Award.

PS Net podcast: Joint Commission president on high reliability
The need for high reliability approaches in health care is the topic of a recent podcast with Mark R. Chassin, MD, MPP, MPH, president and CEO of The Joint Commission. Dr. Chassin was interviewed by Dr. Robert M. Wachter, with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's Patient Safety Network.

Listen to the podcast or read a transcript of the interview.

New research project will help identify challenges with respirator use in the real world
The Joint Commission is conducting a year-long project - "Hospital Respiratory Protection Programs: Usefulness of Resources and Informational Gaps."

Learn about the resources and share your respiratory protection practices in a brief survey.
May JQPS: A new study in the May 2017 issue of The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety describes how simulation training for parents of children with cancer improved their knowledge and psychomotor skills regarding central-line care. "Becoming Parent and Nurse: High-Fidelity Simulation in Teaching Ambulatory Central Line Infection Prevention to Parents of Children with Cancer," is by Carol E. Heiser Rosenberg, ND, DNP, RN, and co-authors. See the Table of Contents of the May issue.

AHA PHYSICIAN LEADERSHIP NEWSLETTER

AHA Annual Leadership Summit, Nov. 27-29: New in 2017, the Physician Pathway will bring physicians and their administrative colleagues together for sessions designed to be relevant and responsive to their interests. Download the Physician Pathway Flyer.

HFMA PHYSICIAN BUSINESS ADVISER

Some Expect a Second Year of MACRA Flexibility: Some health care policy experts think the Trump administration will relax quality-reporting requirements for 2018, similar to what the Obama administration did heading into 2017. Read more.

RESOURCES


Pioneers in Quality™: Proven Practices Collection - Share your hospital's electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) success story. Submissions are being accepted until May 19. Learn more.

New standards FAQs address refrigerators in patient rooms and timing for updating H&P: When organizations provide refrigerators in patient rooms for personal use, is temperature monitoring and log maintenance required for these refrigerators? Read more.

What are the requirements for updating a history and physical when surgery or a procedure requiring anesthesia services is performed at a later point during an admission? Read more.

SAFER™ Matrix Resources portal: This one-stop shop has information and resources on the Survey Analysis for Evaluating Risk™ (SAFER™) Matrix - the new scoring methodology that went into effect Jan. 1. Visit the portal. Also see the first ever SAFER™ compliance data from initial surveys of deemed psychiatric hospitals.

IN THE BLOGOSPHERE

• Devising Objective Measures for Medication Reconciliation: David W. Baker, MD, MPH, FACP, executive vice president, Division of Healthcare Quality Evaluation, writes about this vitally important care process.
• Safety Culture: Shattering the Myths of Perfection and Punishment and Turning Up the Volume on Alarm Management: Gerry Castro, PhD, project director in the Office of Patient Safety, examines two important safety topics.
• Top 5 Most Popular Patient Safety Podcasts: Multimedia Director Gidion Howell shares her favorite patient safety podcasts in this blog. Read more blogs.

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