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Hospital leaders - including physician leaders - have a new tool available to help assess their organization's level of maturity in high reliability and striving for the goal of zero preventable harm. Learn more about Oro™ 2.0.

HEADLINES

Off-site, hospital-owned EDs can apply for ASRH certification

The Joint Commission has decided that these sites are eligible to apply for Acute Stroke-Ready Hospital (ASRH) certification - if the off-site ED meets certain requirements.

Important dates coming up for Top Performer program

It is almost time for The Joint Commission to name the 2015 recipients of the Top Performer on Key Quality Measures® recognition. The announcements will be made Nov. 17. Read how hospitals will be notified.

Aahchool! Time to refresh your flu smarts

Two free courses offer a flexible, "start now, finish later" format, and two free CE credits.

- Strategies for Improving Rapid Influenza Testing in Ambulatory Settings (SIRAS): Includes the proper collection of respiratory samples.

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RESOURCES
Journal article: "Learn by 'SWARMing' Adverse Events," by Donald Kennerly, MD, PhD, and "SWARMing to Improve Patient Care: A Novel Approach to Root Cause Analysis," by Jing Li, MD, MS, et al.

Quick Safety: Temporary names put newborns at risk. How many Babyboy Smiths are in your nursery? Learn some easy-to-implement ways to avoid misidentification of newborns.

Sample agenda and tracer activity for Integrated Care: Are your hospital and ambulatory care sites really integrated? These two samples can help in understanding and preparing for what will happen during an Integrated Care Certification review.

Designing the New Health Care System: The Need for CMO and CFO Collaboration: Break down silos and advance collaboration between clinical and financial leaders of health care organizations. Find out how

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Patient Safety Systems Chapter for the hospital program: PS chapter as shown in the 2015 Update 2 to the hospital accreditation manual.

HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

"I think that I speak for Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) overall when I say that our relationship with The Joint Commission is positive and collaborative. We are appreciative of The Joint Commission standards and the reasons for those standards. The Joint Commission is always responsive to our needs and we find the site visits and surveys to be performance improvement focused. We commend The Joint Commission for its transition over the past decade to allow such a positive relationship to emerge. It is appreciated and consistent with our collective desire to drive improvement every day."

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'Disruptive' doctors rattle nurses, increase safety risks | USA Today
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App helps hospitalists prevent inpatient falls | The Hospitalist
10 statistics on sentinel events: Where do they happen most? | Becker's ASC Review
Wash your hands and get your flu shot, or get out | HealthLeaders Media
How the global healthcare economy will impact U.S. providers: 5 key trends | Becker's Spine Review
RPI can be used to improve surgical care | Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons
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