Healthcare Executive highlights drug diversion in hospitals

The March/April issue of Healthcare Executive magazine features a Joint Commission staff-authored article, “Two Lessons Learned,” that presents hospital leaders with lessons learned from large and small hospitals that made national headlines from diversion of prescription drugs by their staff members. Access the article.

Get answers: Blog addresses FAQs on reporting of high rates of C-sections in 2020

The recent announcement that The Joint Commission will start reporting hospitals with high rates of Caesarean sections has generated a lot of questions. David Baker, MD, executive vice president, Healthcare Quality Evaluation, provides some answers in a blog entry.

Preview of the May issue: Safety strategies for Case Example #3 on the way

The May issue of Physician Leader Monthly will feature the safety actions and strategies for Case
Example #3. In the meantime, you can learn more about Case Example #2 in a blog post by Erin Lawler, MS, human factors engineer at The Joint Commission.

Physician Leader Monthly 3-question survey

We're interested in your thoughts about this newsletter and how it can better provide the news you need about The Joint Commission. Please take a few minutes to complete the 3-question survey.

JUST PUBLISHED

Revisions to Sentinel Event Alert 45: The revised alert on “Preventing violence in the health care setting,” has updated references and resources, more current information from the Sentinel Event Database regarding contributing causal factors, and a new recommendation.

BLOGATHON

What’s the Greatest Patient Safety Opportunity in 2019? Joint Commission leaders were asked this question in observance of Patient Safety Awareness Week. Find out how they answered.

How Mount Sinai Health System Improved Hand Hygiene Compliance by 20 Percent: The Targeted Solutions Tool® (TST®) for Hand Hygiene is being implemented across seven Mount Sinai Health System hospitals.

De-Escalate Aggression and Potential Violence: De-escalation techniques are receiving more attention in
the aftermath of increased violence, particularly against nurses and nursing assistants.

RESOURCES

New digital collection of hospital P&Ps required by the standards: The Joint Commission Big Book of Policies and Procedures for Hospitals, Volume 1 has correlated example policies and procedures to nearly every hospital standards chapter. Purchase the e-book.


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