USA Today highlights proposed requirements aimed at saving pregnant mothers' lives

The Joint Commission’s proposed perinatal safety standards that aim to save lives and stop fatal childbirth deliveries were the focus of an April 18 USA Today article. The proposed standards relate to hemorrhage or severe hypertension/preeclampsia. Read the USA Today article

Case Example #3 safety strategies to prevent suicidal patients from slipping through the cracks

The safety strategies for Case Example #3 delineate the ways that organization leaders can support staff in creating a robust suicide risk reduction program. View the safety strategies
Get ready for spring 2019 updates to E-dition

This month, look for the spring updates to be posted to your organization’s Joint Commission Connect® extranet site. Most updates go into effect July 1, 2019, including the revised National Patient Safety Goal on anticoagulant therapy. Read about all the updates

ABMS recognizes use of TSTs toward earning IMP credits

Thanks to a new collaboration with the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), board-certified physicians and physician assistants can earn Improvement in Medical Practice (IMP) credit for Maintenance of Certification requirements by using one of the Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare’s four Targeted Solutions Tools® (TSTs®). Learn more

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Quick Safety: The April issue focuses on drug diversion and impaired health care workers, detailing patterns and trends that could indicate potential drug diversion.
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**Building A Team of Accreditation Champions**: Although not required by The Joint Commission, many organizations identify “chapter champions” who are responsible for a particular chapter or set of standards and lead preparation and compliance efforts in those areas.

**“Cup of Coffee” Conversations’ Strong Role in Changing Behaviors**: Unprofessional behaviors can be changed, and the primary driver can be the physician’s own self-regulation. Research has shown that peer-to-peer conversations are often the best way to change behaviors.

**Appropriate Risk Management Builds Safety Culture**: Surveyor Michael F. Gervasi, DO, CHCQM, writes about how zero harm now is introduced in every Joint Commission survey with good reason. Adopting this mindset not only yields more efficient care but also goes a long way toward minimizing risk of malpractice lawsuits.

**Three Ways Robust Process Improvement® Strengthens Safety Culture**: Former Chief Transformation Officer William T. Choctaw, MD, JD, CSSBB, writes about the development and deployment of a system-wide Robust Process Improvement® (RPI®) program with assistance from the Center for Transforming Healthcare.

RESOURCES

**Joint Commission launches Leading the Way to Zero Facebook group**

The new Leading the Way to Zero Facebook group page keeps the Leading the Way to Zero mission front and center for The Joint Commission’s nearly 17,000 Facebook followers. If you have a Facebook account, [join the group](#) and get in on the great conversations about zero harm!

INDUSTRY NEWS
ACOs led by physicians face different types of challenges: A newly released survey found very different challenges for accountable care organizations depending on whether they are led by physicians or by hospitals. The revelation followed an increase in the dropout rate among physician-led entities. Read more.

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