Quick news for physician leaders

Sign up now for the 2017 Annual Physician Leader Forum

The Joint Commission will host its 2017 Annual Physician Leader Forum, April 3-4, in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. This unique event is available by invitation only to a select group of physician leaders. If you would like to attend, send an email to dbcameeting@jointcommission.org, and include your name, leadership title, organization name and accreditation number.

To see what's in store, we invite you to watch this short Physician Leader Forum Video. Seating is limited, and registration is open until March 10.

Clarification: secure text messaging of patient care orders should not be done

The Joint Commission recently clarified its position on the use of secure text messaging for patient care orders, deeming it unacceptable at this time. See the clarification.

Reminder: Joint Commission requires consultants to be credentialed, privileged

In accordance with law and regulation, The Joint Commission requires licensed independent practitioners (LIP) who provide consultative services to be credentialed and privileged. Read more.

RESOURCES

New informed consent e-learning modules: Two e-learning modules - one for hospital leaders and one for clinicians - are designed to improve the informed consent process. The "Making Informed Consent an Informed Choice" modules are available through The Joint Commission's learning platform.

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February JQPS details initiative to reduce alarms in CVSICU

An article in the February issue of The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety (JQPS) details a project that examines nurses’ attitudes toward, and ability to recognize, clinical alarm signals, and provides best practices for reducing alarms without compromising patient safety.
safety. The article - "Data-Driven Implementation of Alarm Reduction Interventions in a Cardiovascular Surgical ICU" - is by Sharon H. Allan, ACNS-BC, MSN, RN, CCRC, and co-authors.

The February issue is available via open access. See the Table of Contents.

But wait, there's more! A Take 5 podcast explores how the change to Elsevier becoming the new publisher of JOPS presents great opportunities for the journal's authors, readers and subscribers.

Free NIST report on improving copy & paste function in EHRs: The National Institute of Standards and Technology has published a free report on the copy and paste function in electronic health records (EHRs). In practice, this functionality has introduced overwhelming and unintended patient safety-related issues into the clinical environment. Read the report.

In the blogosphere:

- **What We Have Here ... Is a Failure to Communicate**: Emily Aaronson, MD, Harvard Medical School, provides a front-line staff perspective on commonplace patient safety lapses caused by poor communication in health care.
- **New Edition of Infection Prevention and Control Workbook Includes Ambulatory and CMS Requirements**
- **New Patient Safety Systems Chapter for Ambulatory Care and Office-Based Surgery**

See The Joint Commission Calendar of Events: Features upcoming webinars, educational programs and conferences about topics of interest to health care leaders today.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

AHA PHYSICIAN LEADERSHIP FORUM

Webinar on Violence in Health Care: The AHA and the American Society for Healthcare Risk Management are hosting a webinar on Feb. 15 as part of the "Hospitals Against Violence" educational series. The speaker will provide a framework and practical strategies to assist organizations in making the necessary shift to a culture that is "zero" tolerant for patient aggression and establishes universal precautions for its staff. Register. See additional resources on the AHA's new webpage.

THE JOINT COMMISSION IN THE NEWS

10 top patient safety issues for 2017 | Becker's Infection Control & Clinical Quality

Navy Medicine East takes high reliability to next level | Military Medical News

C-sections: Reducing rates, improving outcomes | Healthcare Business & Technology

10 things to know about The Joint Commission survey process | Becker's ASC Review

Joint Commission now offering Comprehensive Cardiac Center Certification | ACS Bulletin