Quick news for physician leaders

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Check out 2017 National Patient Safety Goals

The 2017 NPSGs are now available. Download the entire chapter from the accreditation standards manual or easy-to-read versions.

Tell us what you think of proposed revisions to pain assessment, management standards

The revisions are being developed to further promote patient safety and quality of care and align the requirements with current recommendations from scientific, professional, and governmental organizations. Deadline for comments is Feb. 20.

JQPS marks new era with first issue published by Elsevier

This issue marks the first issue published by Elsevier after more than three decades of self-publishing. An editorial by Dr. David Baker, the Editor-in-Chief, explains the new features available, including online manuscript submission and a dedicated web site with in-press articles and article collections. To give you the opportunity to check out the full issue, readers can enjoy open access to JQPS during January.

RESOURCES


Joint Commission Calendar of Events: Check out our online calendar and find out about upcoming webinars,

"Delayed Workup of Rectal Bleeding in Adult Primary Care: Examining Process-of-Care Failures," by Saul N. Weingart, MD, MPP, PhD, and co-authors.
New and revised NPGs on CAUTIs. Effective Jan. 1, 2017, a new National Patient Safety Goal on catheter-associated urinary tract infections will apply to nursing care centers, while a revised NPSGs on CAUTIs will apply to hospitals and critical access hospitals.


OSHA accepting comments on need for workplace violence prevention standard: On Dec. 7, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration published a Request for Information (RFI) in the Federal Register, soliciting information to determine the need for a standard to protect health care and social assistance workers from workplace violence. Deadline for comments is April 6, 2017.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

HFMA PHYSICIAN BUSINESS ADVISER

Five Focus Areas for Medical Groups in 2017: Medical groups should focus on five key areas to optimize their position in 2017, with challenges looming in the areas of payment, patient access, consumer engagement, population health management, and provider alignment. Read more.

THE JOINT COMMISSION IN THE NEWS

Joint Commission explains safety goals on UTIs caused by catheters | Health Exec

Joint Commission and CDC study to identify strategies for improving nursing home infection measurement | Healthcare Facilities Today

Strategies for preventing patient falls | The Hospitalist

Ambulatory surgery centers survey process changes | Patient Safety & Quality Healthcare

60 of the most powerful people in healthcare in 2016 | Becker's Hospital Review [Dr. Mark Chassin, president and CEO, is named.]

Annual report provides details on patient safety, quality improvements | Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons