Learn what leaders are saying about the Physician Leader Forum

In April, more than 130 physician leaders from around the country made their way to Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, to The Joint Commission's annual Physician Leaders Forum. This unique event provides an in-depth look at Joint Commission standards, current patient safety issues, high reliability, and how physician leaders are critical to leading improvement at their organizations. Hear what the most recent attendees, including Dr. Kathleen Clem from Loma Linda University, had to say about the forum: "Supporting Physician Leaders." The next Physician Leader Forum will be in April 2017. To learn more, email dbcameeting@jointcommission.org.

"Now it's perceived that Joint Commission is a resource that provides information and pathways to excellence that have not been present before. So it's very important to the physicians that they can now look to The Joint Commission as a place where they can go for answers to improve patient care - and that's new and different." - Kathleen Clem, MD, FACEP, chair of Emergency Medicine, University of Loma Linda Medical Center

THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1. Don't hit send yet ... removing ban on secure text orders delayed until September
Additional guidance is needed to ensure the safe implementation of the secure texting of orders for organizations desiring to employ technology supporting this practice. Read more.

2. Buggin' out ... Antimicrobial stewardship standard unveiled
A new Medication Management standard - MM.09.01.01 - addresses antimicrobial stewardship for hospitals and nursing care centers, is effective Jan. 1, 2017. View the prepublication standards.

3. Not skipping a beat ... standards revisions for Advanced Certification for Heart Failure
Recent changes were made to strengthen The Joint Commission's ACHF program, including incorporating into the standards Class I recommendations from the 2013 American College of Cardiology Foundation/American Heart Association Guideline for the Management of Heart Failure. Read about the changes.
+ Bonus round! Urgent update to CT technologist standards
Two requirements that set expectations for computed tomography (CT) technologists to obtain advanced-level CT certification by January 2018 have been updated. See the revised prepublication standards.

RESOURCES

In the Journal: "Diagnosing and treating "alarm fatigue": pragmatic and evidence-based approaches needed," by Michael F. Rayo, PhD, and Susan D. Moffatt-Bruce, MD, PhD, MBA.

Quick Safety: Issue 24, "Bullying has no place in health care."

Webinar replay: Evaluating and Responding to Suicide Risk - Tools and Practices for Consideration: This webinar follows up on the recent Sentinel Event Alert on detecting and treating suicide ideation in all settings.

CDC reports outcomes of pregnancies with possible Zika virus infection: As of June 23, the registry lists seven live-born infants with birth defects; and six pregnancy losses with birth defects.

PPSA publishes article on patient identification concerns with newborns: Read the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority article and The Joint Commission's Quick Safety on temporary names putting newborns at risk.

EYE ON AHA PHYSICIAN LEADERSHIP FORUM

News from the American Hospital Association's Physician Leadership Forum e-newsletter.

AHRQ-HRET toolkit helps hospitals implement CANDOR process
The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality released a toolkit, prepared by the AHA's Health Research & Educational Trust, which uses an AHRQ-developed process called Communication and Optimal Resolution, or CANDOR. Access the toolkit.

NEWSLINKS

10 initial steps following ASC medical errors | Becker's Infection Control & Clinical Quality

A portrait of patient safety leadership: Dr. Ronald Wyatt, Joint Commission's new Patient Safety Officer | Becker's Infection Control & Clinical Quality

The top 10 C-suite pain points bringing pharmacy out of the basement | Hospitals & Health Networks

What is a medical vacation? | CBS Chicago

Joint Commission executive vice-president addresses pain management standard concerns | Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons

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