Annual Physician Leader 2019 Forum: Recap from some attendees

Several attendees of this year’s Annual Physician Leader Forum share their impressions of this year’s forum, held at The Joint Commission’s Central Offices on April 16-17

Patrick J. Brennan, M.D., chief medical officer and senior vice president, University of Pennsylvania Health System: “These forums are a great place to hear about the things that The Joint Commission is interested in. The Joint Commission obviously has its standards. It’s also setting new standards, it’s raising the bar. I think as physicians, that’s what we always aspire to. We went into this to take care of patients and to deliver the best care that we can. So, I think the interests of The Joint Commission and the interests of the physician community are very nicely aligned

John Gillean, M.D., executive vice president and chief clinical officer, CHRISTUS Health: “Coming to these meetings allows you to understand that most of the problems we’re having are pretty universal in U.S. health care. Others are further down the path of solving those problems or addressing those problems, and learning from them is a great part of the experience. You can’t do that staying home.
You have to be in the environment where you’re sort of enmeshed or immersed in the discussions that are going on. And I think you’ll find so many topics trigger in your brain, saying “These are things I need to carry back home and implement, as well”.

**New Dashboard Report rolls out to nursing care centers; others coming soon**

A new Dashboard Report that shows an organization’s performance on select measures compared to national, state and Joint Commission-accredited organization averages is now available to nursing care centers. Reports for the home health, hospice, ambulatory surgery center, and hospital programs will be released throughout 2019. [Read more](#)

**Performance measures selected for heart attack certifications**

See the performance measures that go into effect July 1, 2019, for the newly developed Acute Heart Attack Ready and Primary Heart Attack Center certification programs. [Read more](#)

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*JQPS:* The July issue includes an article — “Leading Practices in Antimicrobial Stewardship: Conference Summary” — detailing findings from a 2018 meeting sponsored by The Joint Commission and The Pew Charitable Trusts. Panelists identified two interventions as leading practices that go beyond current antimicrobial stewardship guidelines and established practices. [View an infographic](#).
Quick Safety: The May issue reminds organizations to perform high-level disinfection of objects that touch mucous membranes of the eye, and to sterilize items that contact or enter sterile tissues. Learn more in a blog post by The Joint Commission’s Infection Prevention and Control Director, Sylvia Garcia-Houchins, MSN, RN, CIC.

BLOGATHON

Detecting Drug Diversion in the Health Care Workforce: In every organization, drug diversion is a potential threat to patient safety, writes Robert Campbell, PharmD, director, Medication Management.

What Separates Highly Reliable Organizations From the Rest?: As The Joint Commission’s patient safety officer, Ed Pollak, MD, sees many serious safety events. It has been noticed that high functioning organizations respond even to seemingly small issues and seek to identify risks which may even seem insignificant.

When the Disaster at Your Hospital Isn’t the One You Expected: Treating victims of the Pulse nightclub shooting forever changed the hospital culture at Orlando Health, write Mark A. Jones, president, Orlando Regional Medical Center and Joseph A. Ibrahim, MD, trauma medical director, Orlando Health.

AHRQ Update: Focus on Patient Safety – Improving Diagnosis: The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality cautions that diagnostic errors contribute to about 10% of patient deaths, and are the primary reason for medical liability claims, writes Gerry Castro, PhD, MPH, project director, Patient Safety Initiatives.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Several new Medicare primary care models to launch in 2020: CMS aims to enroll 11 million
Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries in payment models geared toward independent primary care providers and practices. The category for larger practices with experience in risk-based models will allow participants to take on up to 100% downside or upside risk. Read more.

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