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Show your support for Patient Safety Awareness Week 2017
Patient Safety Awareness Week is March 12-18, and The Joint Commission is planning several activities geared toward raising awareness. The Joint Commission will be sharing photos on Facebook and Twitter, and will create a video tribute to recap the week. Follow along or participate by using the following hashtags:
- #UnitedforPatientSafety
- #PSAW2017

The National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF), which hosts the annual campaign, has a number of planned activities that can be found on its United for Patient Safety website, including:
- Support pledges for patients and their advocates to be active in their health care
- Personal stories about how patient safety has impacted people
- Health care organizations’ plans for the week
- A discussion forum for patient safety ideas and problem-solving
- Educational materials for both health care organizations and patients

New! Patient Safety and Quality: Essential Components Conference
From 2005 to June 2016, more than half of sentinel events resulted in patient death, and more than one-fourth required unexpected additional care. To help organizations reduce harm and risk, as well as to create a safer environment for patients, The Joint Commission is hosting a new conference, Patient Safety and Quality: Essential Components, on April 26.

The event will take place at The Joint Commission Conference Center, One Renaissance Blvd., Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. CT. The program aims to teach organizations an integrated, comprehensive and systematic approach to patient safety event analysis and improvement methods, and features case studies and facilitated exercises.

By the end of the event, participants will be able to:
- Identify patient safety events and attributes of a learning organization
- Apply concepts of patient safety science to reduce the risk of patient harm
- Recall key tips for applying human factors to event analysis and quantifying risk by the Safety Assessment Code (SAC)
- Evaluate the effectiveness of corrective actions in reducing risk to patient harm
- Apply concepts of patient safety science to presented case studies in this program

Joint Commission faculty that will present are:
- Ana McKee, MD, executive vice president and chief medical officer, Healthcare Improvement
- Suellen Daum, RN, MS, CPPS, CPHQ, patient safety specialist, Office of Quality and Patient Safety (OQPS)
Register.

New study: antibiotics resistance linked to longer hospital stays for pediatric patients

Longer hospital stays and greater risk of harm to U.S. children are being attributed to infections caused by a type of bacteria resistant to multiple antibiotics, according to a study published by the *Journal of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society*. The *study* suggests that these infections — contracted while patients are already in the hospital — are spreading more often in these settings.

Effective Jan. 1, The Joint Commission implemented an Antimicrobial Stewardship standard, Medication Management (MM) 09.01.01, as well as a plethora of new and established resources dedicated to antimicrobial stewardship. These resources include:

- **Antimicrobial Stewardship FAQs**
- **Antimicrobial Stewardship Toolkit**
- **Quick Safety — National Action Plan: Use antibiotics wisely**
- **Infection Prevention and HAI Portal**
- **Speak Up: Antibiotics – Know the Facts**

## Resources

Get the early bird discount by registering now for Leaders Facilitating Change Workshop

Attention health care leaders and performance improvement professionals: now is the time to register for the upcoming Leaders Facilitating Change™ Workshop, as you can save $100 by signing up by the April 4 early bird deadline. The workshop, scheduled for May 4-5, will be held at The Joint Commission Conference Center, One Renaissance Blvd., Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

Leaders Facilitating Change™ provides tools that leaders can use in their daily work to:

- Create necessary buy-in for change
- Identify and work through resistance
- Sustain the gains of improvement

Continuing education credits will be available, and two complimentary, one-hour, follow-up webinars will take place after the workshop. **Learn more.** (Contact: Dawn Albee, dallbee@jointcommission.org)

Up in blogosphere with The Joint Commission

- **Quality, Reliability & Leadership: How Engaged is Your Board?** — Don't underutilize your board of directors. Ann Scott Blouin, RN, PhD, FACHE, executive vice president, outlines a new tool to enhance board-leadership communication.
- **Dateline @ TJC: Don’t Let Your Guard Down This Flu Season** — The flu season is far from over. Learn about The Joint Commission's diagnostics and pandemic preparation courses from Rene Thomas, RN, BSN, associate project director in Healthcare Quality Evaluation.
- **Dateline @ TJC: Leaders, Are you Risking an RFI with your Informed Consent Process?** — Informed consent is so much more than mandatory paperwork. Salome Chitavi, PhD, project director in Healthcare Quality Evaluation, details the process.

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