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In the news

Joint Commission president speaks with Modern Healthcare about Top Performers hiatus

Joint Commission President and Chief Executive Officer Mark R. Chassin, MD, FACP, MPP, MPH, recently recorded a podcast with Modern Healthcare quality and safety reporter Sabriya Rice, explaining — among other things — why the Top Performers program is taking a hiatus.

Chassin also spoke about patient safety and leadership needing to take an active role in the process.

“We still have very serious quality problems, partly because the goal posts keep moving,” Chassin said. “What constituted high quality 10 years ago is not the same as what constitutes high quality today. It’s a constant state of activity to increase safety and quality.”

He also highlighted The Joint Commission’s focus on learning from high-reliability organizations and how that can help in the goal toward zero harm. Listen to the podcast and learn more about The Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare’s Oro™ 2.0 High Reliability Assessment.

People

The Joint Commission, Center, JCR appoint new board, committee members

The Joint Commission announced the appointment of five new members to its board of commissioners and two new members to its executive committee, which also represents the Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare’s Board of Directors.

The five new members named to the board of commissioners are: Jay Allen Gregory, MD, FACS; Scott C. Malaney, FACHE; Najmedin (Najm) Meshkati, PhD, CPE; Joseph J. Parks, MD; and Michael B. Simon, MD, MBA.

The two new members named to the Joint Commission’s Executive Committee and the Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare’s Board of Directors are: Jane D. Englebright, PhD, RN, CENP, FAAN; and Steven S. Sharfstein, MD, MPA. To learn more, see the news release.

In addition, Joint Commission Resources, Inc. (JCR), a nonprofit affiliate of The Joint Commission, announced the appointment of Grant C. Davies, FACHE, to its board of directors. Davies is currently CEO Hospitals, Valley Area, for Sutter Health, Sacramento, California.

Since 2014, Davies has been a member of The Joint Commission’s Board of Commissioners, appointed by the American Hospital Association, and also served on the board’s accreditation committee, audit and firewall oversight committee, and strategic planning work group. To learn more about Davies, read the news release on his appointment.
Joint Commission Resources

New event focuses on EC and IC professionals working together
Join Joint Commission experts for a two-day event, Feb.17-18, that explores how Environment of Care (EC) and Infection Prevention and Control (IC) professionals are a winning combination for patient safety.

The Environment of Care & Infection Prevention & Control - A Partnership program is designed for EC and IC professionals in acute and ambulatory care facilities. Participants will:

- Learn how to build working relationships between infection preventionists and facilities staff to promote compliance with Joint Commission accreditation standards for EC and IC
- Discuss key case studies
- Explore the most pressing EC/IC topics

The event will take place at the Embassy Suites San Antonio, 125 E. Houston St. in San Antonio, Texas.

Resources

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- The View from The Joint Commission — The portal to improvement is always open: Since The Joint Commission’s Chief Operating Officer Mark G. Pelletier, RN, MS, first brought up the troubling trend of noncompliance for environment of care and life safety code standards, the trend has, unfortunately, continued. However, he sees a light at the end of the tunnel, thanks to some collaborative efforts.

Learn more about Joint Commission Resources' offerings online or call 877-223-6866.