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Tuesday, Jan. 31

[The art and science of process improvement](#)

1 - 1:30 p.m.

Join EQIC for this short, 30-minute “quickinar” to empower your team with best practices for facilitating process improvement. You will learn to use fundamental principles, basic change concepts and well-known quality improvement models to deliver quick and meaningful results. We’ll share practical tips, tools and techniques to provide your team with “how-to” guidance to test and implement changes in real work settings, accelerate spread and sustain continuous improvement. All hospital-based healthcare professionals are encouraged to attend.

Feb. 7 - 8

[Patient safety: Navigating the new normal](#)

EQIC's virtual conference features an incredible agenda of nationally recognized speakers in hospital quality improvement. We are excited to announce patient safety expert [Patricia McGaffigan](#), vice president and president, Certification Board for Professionals in Patient Safety, the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, as our keynote speaker.

McGaffigan will review the deployment of *Safer Together: A National Action Plan to Advance Patient Safety*, which offers a roadmap and resources to guide the assessment and intentional design of a total systems safety bundle across four foundational areas: culture, leadership and governance; patient and family engagement; learning systems; and workforce safety and well-being. Participants will leave this session with practical considerations for assessing, prioritizing and advancing their organization's safety progress.

All hospital-based healthcare professionals are encouraged to attend. EQIC recommends hospital leadership, including chief medical officers, chief nursing officers, chief quality officers and directors of nursing education, as well as physicians, nurses, infection preventionists and bedside staff participate.

Announcements

Save the date for Feb. 1 Culture of Safety Survey webinar

For those hospitals that administered the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Hospital Survey on Patient Safety Culture Version 2.0 survey with EQIC last year, we will host a follow-up webinar on **Feb. 1 from 2 to 3 p.m.** to review reports and data derived from the various dimensions of the survey. Debriefing and action planning tools will be shared that can help prevent adverse events and injuries in healthcare organizations. By participating in this webinar, you will be better prepared to discuss survey results at the hospital and unit levels and to develop action plans to improve the safety culture in your organization. Registration information is coming soon!

New for 2023: EQIC workgroups

The EQIC program is pivoting our curriculum in 2023. Until now, our programming has focused on educational webinars with nationally-recognized subject matter experts who have shared best practices in our priority focus area. All this content is posted and shared on the [EQIC website](#) and is available to review at your convenience.

New for this year, EQIC will be taking our hospitals' quality improvement work from "paper to the bedside" with the creation of workgroups in select clinical focus areas. The primary goal of the workgroups is for hospitals to be able to take action and implement tools, resources and workflows to improve performance outcomes. EQIC will host hour-long monthly workgroup meetings facilitated by EQIC project managers. Each workgroup will have an activities/program schedule that will explore various opportunities for improvement. Some examples of content include a deep-dive into performance analytics, peer-to-peer learning and networking, showcasing hospital success in improving and maintaining outcomes, conversations about quality projects that hospitals have trialed, stratifying data for health equity opportunities, hearing from subject matter experts and available opportunities to learn and share experiences with peers.

EQIC encourages hospital team members with a stake in the content to attend workgroup sessions, including but not limited to quality staff, nurses, pharmacists, infection preventionists, physicians and bedside staff.

Please contact your project manager for more information on EQIC workgroups and how to sign up.

Education

TODAY!

Thursday, Jan. 12

[The importance of organizational components in pressure injury programs](#)

1 - 2 p.m.

This month's CMS Community of Practice call focuses on hospital-acquired pressure injuries, which affect 2.5 million patients annually in the U.S. Many organizations are in a reactive mode, only focusing on PIs once they develop. This reactive approach leads to overutilization of expensive resources, increased patient cost, decreased quality of life and increased staff time to perform wound care. This presentation provides the framework for a proactive pressure injury program based on an evidence-based interdisciplinary approach. A wound consultant subject matter expert will review organizational best practices for senior leadership support, clinical leadership, a unit-based champion model, process

support, policy updates, emergency medical record enhancements, data collection and analysis and staff education. The relevance of clinicians having a voice in the value analysis process also will be discussed.

Questions

Please contact [Cathleen Wright](#) or your [EQIC project manager](#) with any questions.

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