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Minnesota Dept Of Health has published a **Consumer Guide to Adverse Health Events**. The Guide tells you where and why 154 events between 2005 and 2006 happened, and what’s being done to prevent them from happening again. Download from the NMHSA Website, Patient Safety Section, or <http://psnet.ahrq.gov/w hatsnew.aspx>

In New Mexico, there are **SEVEN** different ways to designate DNR.



I.H.I. 5 Million Lives Campaign Visits New Mexico

PROTECT LIVES BY PREVENTING MRSA AND SURGICAL SITE INFECTIONS.

March 29, 2007 10A-3P
 As the Campaign “node” for The Institute for Healthcare Improvement, NMHSA and NMMRA are helping to raise awareness around the 5Million Lives campaign and support hospital efforts to implement the 12 improvements in care by providing this training session at NO cost to you. It will be held at Lovelace Med Center Downtown. Register with Rebecca Neu at 505.998.9753

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE IHI

In the past month, IHI has received a number of questions concerning the differences between the 100,000 Lives Campaign and the 5 Million Lives Campaign.

They include the following two examples and the answers you can help us share with Campaign participants:

“I am still in the 100,000 Lives Campaign but not the 5M Lives Campaign since we’re not yet adopting a new intervention.”

The 100,000 Lives Campaign ended in June 2006. The Campaign’s interventions,

however, plus six new ones, now make up the 5 Million Lives Campaign. Regardless of which interventions you’re working on, or whether you’ve adopted anything new, your work is now part of the 5 Million Lives Campaign.

“Has anything changed for me in the new Campaign?” The data requirements are the same. We ask that you provide us with your hospital profile and monthly mortality data. When you update your hospital profile, you will note that there are some additional questions that will help us capture your activity on each of the new interventions.

BAND TOGETHER For Patient Safety – Colored Wristband Standardization

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

On **Wednesday, 3/7/07 from 3:30-4:30 PM**, a meeting/ conference call will be held to discuss New Mexico’s participation in the effort to standardize wristband colors being used for Allergies, Fall Risk and DNR in healthcare facilities. This project is a result of the **WRAPS**

(**Western Region Alliance For Patient Safety**). The purpose of this collaborative is to enhance and promote patient safety by advocating the adoption

of regional safe practices in healthcare.

Arizona implemented this important initiative in December, 2006. Within the past month, both Colorado and California Clinical Patient Safety collaboratives have voted to adopt the same colors. Nevada and Utah are in the process of reviewing the recommendations.

You may participate in person at the New Mexico Hospital Association, 2121 Osuna Rd. NE, Albuquerque (call

343.0010 for directions), or via conference call. Handouts and summary of the NM survey can be downloaded on our website:

www.nmhhsa.org
 ->Patient Safety
 -> Resources

to Call In:
 .Dial 1.888.520.8955
 Caller ID 25668 #

Are You a Rural Hospital?

5 M Lives Campaign Starts Rural Affinity Group

RURAL AFFINITY GROUP if you are interested., send an email to Jeff Spade, Vice President, NCHA Executive Director, NC Rural Health Center

<jspade@ncha.org>

to let him know if you want to join the Rural Affinity listserv and receive regular invitations to the rural affinity group teleconferences to organize this exciting opportunity your rural hospitals.

You are hereby invited to join a Rural Affinity Group leadership teleconference, which is scheduled for the first Tuesday of every month at 2 pm-ET (12pm –MT). The first call will be Tuesday, March 6th hosted by IHI. Please dial 866-469-3239 (then 49261111#, no ID) to be involved in this initial planning teleconference.

The work of supporting US rural hospitals requires contributions and efforts beyond The National Rural Health Association and the IHI. They need more folks with great ideas and a passion for rural healthcare to join, to help assure a successful 5M Lives Campaign for rural hospitals. Several of the interventions have great relevance to rural hospitals, such as preventing

pressure ulcers, improving CHF care, MRSA prevention and helping boards/trustees improve governance for quality. There are four simple ideas for a 5M Lives Campaign focused on rural hospitals:

1. Tap existing partnerships to increase rural hospital involvement in the campaign (for example, building enrollment first, then encouraging implementation of the interventions).
2. Build-out 5M Campaign change packages and resources specifically focused on rural hospital issues, dynamics and scale. Many of us are creating customized products already
3. Establish a series of forums (initially national teleconference calls hosted by IHI) targeting 5M interventions, resources and improvement ideas for rural hospitals. We already have intervention-specific teleconferences planned for the following dates and topics (if you know rural hospital experts, please send IHI your suggestions

Monday, April 23 at 12N MT - RRT/SSI

Monday, April 30 at 12N MT - ADE/AMI

Monday, May 7 at 12N MT - VAP/CLI

4. Establish and promote a 5M mentor network featuring small, rural hospitals. You already know the high-performance rural hospitals in your state. Let's help them sign-up as mentor hospitals (its easy) and encourage them to share their successful ideas, models and innovations with their peers. The Rural Affinity Group plans regular calls with leadership team to brainstorm, coordinate opportunities and to help resource the 5M effort for rural hospitals. If we work together we can certainly accomplish more than we would separately. Plus our rural hospitals and the patients they serve need us to think more broadly about their issues and how to support them in performance improvement.

You can download these reports on the NMHSA Website www.nmhsa.org Patient Safety – Resources <http://www.premierinc.com/quality-safety/tools-services/safety/safety-share/12-06-full-txt.jsp#story-06-downloads>

NQF updates list of “Safe Practices” & “Never” Events

The National Quality Forum (NQF) recently updated a list of “safe practices” that should be universally followed in healthcare settings to reduce the risk of harm, and a list of “serious

reportable events” in healthcare, sometimes called never events.”

As part of a “never events” policy, The Leapfrog Group and others are calling for

hospitals to adopt policies to apologize to the injured patients.

Study demonstrates modest improvement in hospital quality using P4P

Hospitals participating in both public reporting and pay for performance demonstrated modest improvements in quality compared with hospitals participating only in public reporting, according to a study published today in the New England Journal of Medicine. The authors evaluated the initial results of more than 200 hospitals participating in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services-

funded Premier demonstration program. In the article, the results of more than 200 Premier project participating hospitals are compared to the results of over 400 hospitals publicly reporting quality data through the Hospital Quality Alliance. After adjusting for baseline performance and other

hospital characteristics, pay for performance was associated with improvements ranging from 2.6% to 4.1% over the two-year period. The authors call for additional research to determine whether different incentives would stimulate more improvement and whether the benefits of pay for performance programs outweigh their costs.

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”

- Anne Frank

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://www.nmhhsa.org>

TOOLS YOU CAN USE:

Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI)
<http://www.ihl.org/ihl>

National Patient Safety Foundation
<http://npsf.org>

New Mexico Medical Review Association (NMMRA)
<http://www.nmmra.org>

The Leapfrog Group
<http://www.leapfroggroup.org/>

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
<http://www.ahrq.gov/>

Institute for Safe Medicine Practices
<http://www.ismp.org/default.asp>

APIC-The Association for Professionals in Infection Control
<http://www.apic.org>

SAVE THE DATES:

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Lovelace Medical Center -Downtown

March 29, 2007 10:00-4:00 . *RSVP to Rebecca Neu 505.998.9753*

National Patient Safety Week Mar 4-10, 2007

NMHSA Band Together for Patient Safety – Review of New Mexico Survey Results and PLAN for ACTION March 7, 2007, 3:30-4:30 PM

NMHSA

**New Mexico Hospitals &
Health Systems Association**

About Our Organization...

NMHSA is the non-profit trade organization representing the 41 non-federal hospitals in the state.

Our mission is to work with others to improve the health status of the citizens of New Mexico.