

PARTNERSHIP FOR PATIENTS- NJHIIN UPDATES

September is Sepsis Awareness Month!

In recognition of Sepsis Awareness Month, NJHA is pleased to announce two important events that will highlight the most current evidence-based practices and innovation in sepsis improvement. Both events are free and open to all facilities that wish to attend.

❖ New Jersey Sepsis Learning Action Collaborative Annual Conference

Hosted by NJHA, expert speakers and facility poster presentations

- Sept. 19, 8:45 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
NJHA Conference Center, 760 Alexander Road, Princeton, N.J.
 - Discuss the current state of sepsis quality improvement activities in New Jersey and nationally.
 - Understand how to implement a pediatric sepsis screening and treatment program.
 - Describe the functions and responsibility of the sepsis coordinator.
 - Discuss relevant resources to engage patients and families in understanding the impact of sepsis and expectations of life after diagnosis.

Click here to register: <http://www.njha.com/Education/Brochure/?id=1924>

❖ Think Sepsis. Save Lives. A symposium on pediatric sepsis and how we can improve our care

Hosted by Atlantic Health System

- Sept. 20, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 12:45 p.m.-2 p.m. optional workshop
Morristown Medical Center, Malcolm Forbes Auditorium, 100 Madison Avenue, Morristown, N.J.

Click here to register: <http://www.njha.com/Education/Brochure/?id=1925>

SPOTLIGHT ON SAFETY

SEPSIS: New Jersey Hospitals Rank Top 6 Nationally

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services updated their Hospital Compare website (<https://www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare/search.html>) with the newly released, publicly available hospital-specific data for “percentage of patients who received appropriate care for severe sepsis and septic shock.”

As a state, N.J. hospitals reported completing all the steps required in the sepsis bundle 56 percent of the time,

ranking in the top six states in the nation for this metric. The national average is 49 percent.

Sepsis is a complication that occurs when your body has an extreme response to an infection. It causes damage to organs in the body and can be life-threatening if not treated. If sepsis becomes severe enough or develops into septic shock, the chances of dying from sepsis increase significantly.

For more information and to access NJHIIN’s sepsis webpage with online resources, click here: <http://www.njha.com/pfp/njtools/sepsis/>

HENtrack DATA REMINDER

Please remember to enter your June 2018 data for the following areas of harm:

- Adverse Drug Events - Warfarin Events
- Falls and Pressure Ulcers (for those hospitals that do not submit to NDNQI)

Link to HENtrack data portal:

<https://hentrack.njha.com/Account/Logon>

(Please enter data going back to January 2015 so we may have a continuous trend of your progress.)



Striving to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections

Join us for the first of four webinars in our *NJHIIN: Striving to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections* webinar series.

The first webinar, “Striving to Prevent Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTIs),” is scheduled for Aug. 8, 1-2 p.m. EST.

This event will feature infection prevention expert Linda Greene, who will share the latest evidence-based strategies to improve indwelling urinary catheter care. Also featured will be the CAUTI Prevention team from Saint Barnabas Medical Center, who will share their experiences in reducing urinary catheter device use and infections. To register for this event, click here:

https://njha.webex.com/njha?preventingHAI_CAUTIs.

The second webinar in this series, “Striving to Prevent Ventilator-Associated Events (VAEs),” is scheduled for Sept. 11, 1-2 p.m. EST.

Greene will share the latest evidence-based strategies to improve the management of ventilated patients in the ICU. The VAE Prevention team from Saint Joseph’s University Medical Center will also be featured and will share their experiences in reducing ventilator utilization and infections. To register for this event, click here:

https://njha.webex.com/njha/preventingHAI_VAEs.

Stay tuned for future *NJHIIN: Striving to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections* webinars that will cover the topics of:

- *C. difficile*
- Central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI).

PATIENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

According to the recently conducted NJHIIN Patient and Family Engagement Survey, 73 percent of N.J. hospitals that responded to the survey indicated having instituted a patient and family advisory council (PFAC). This is an important component that NJHIIN continues to focus on.

To aid in increasing participation and provide guidance to hospitals on implanting a PFAC within their facility, NJHA will host an in-person, hands-on workshop Thurs., Oct. 4 on how to create and sustain a PFAC to improve patient safety, featuring experts from the American Institutes for Research, the Person and Family Engagement Contractor (PFEC) for Partnership for Patients.

This workshop will walk participants through the three steps of building a PFAC: assessing readiness and building the foundation; recruiting and selecting advisors; and, building the infrastructure to sustain the PFAC. It also will provide examples of projects that PFACs have worked on to improve the quality and safety of care. To register for the Oct. 4 workshop, click here:

<http://www.njha.com/Education/Brochure/?id=1923>.

Prior to and in preparation for the in-person event, PFE teams are encouraged to participate in a pre-workshop webinar scheduled for Sept. 11 at 1 p.m. EST. This will help hospitals identify key personal and offer general information on benefits of a PFAC. To register for the introductory webinar, click here:

<https://njha.webex.com/njha/PFEintrowebinar>.

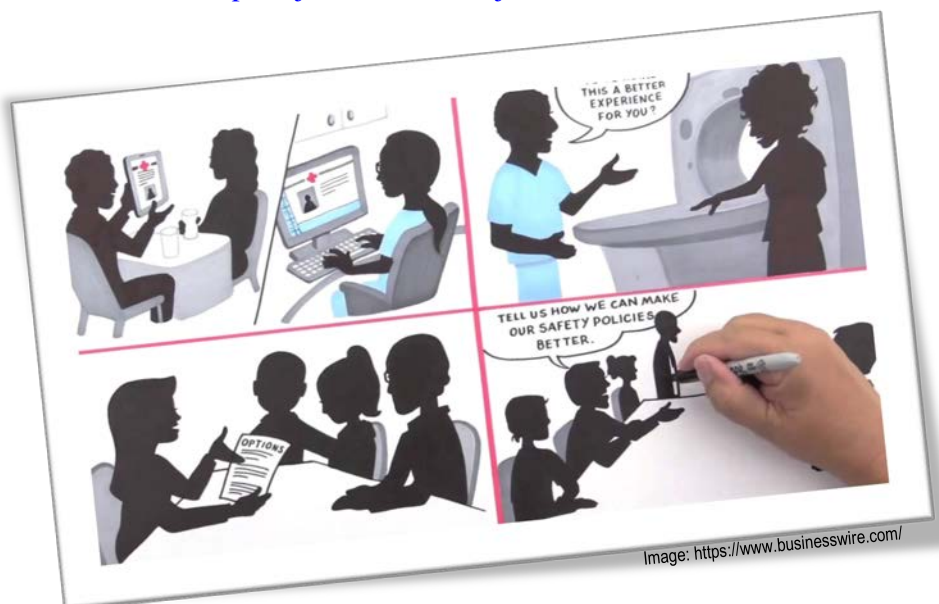


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UPCOMING NJHIIN OFFERINGS

All face-to-face learning session brochures can be accessed by visiting our website at

<http://www.njha.com/education/education-calendar/>

Webinars

** To register for webinars, visit njha.webex.com and go to "Institute for Quality and Patient Safety" **

Call-in numbers for all webinars:

1-877-668-4490 / 1-408-792-6300

NJHIIN Striving to Prevent HAIs webinar series

- August 8, 1 p.m. EST
 - "Striving to Prevent CAUTIs"
Presenters: Linda Greene, infection preventionist; Saint Barnabas Medical Center CAUTI prevention team
- September 11, 1 p.m. EST
 - "Striving to Prevent VAEs"
Presenters: Linda Greene, infection preventionist; St. Joseph's University Medical Center VAE prevention team

NJHA Antimicrobial Stewardship Collaborative

- August 9, 12 noon EST
 - "NJHA Antimicrobial Stewardship Collaborative"
Presenter: Michael Barnish, DO, FACOI, Infectious Diseases, Jefferson Health

NJHA Patient and Family Engagement

- September 11, 1 p.m. EST
 - "Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) Introductory Webinar"
Presenter: TBD

In Case You Missed It

To access previously recorded webinars, click on the link below to view them on our website: <http://www.njha.com/PFP/NJTools>