

## PARTNERSHIP FOR PATIENTS- NJHIIN UPDATES

### NJHA Hosts Health Equity Through Language Program

As part of the NJHIIN initiative, an educational program, *At the Crossroads of Health Equity and Patient Safety: Providing Comprehensive Language Services*, was held at the NJHA Conference and Event Center Sept. 7.

The well-attended program addressed health equity through language services for those with limited English proficiency. Patients with these limitations are at higher risk for adverse healthcare outcomes unnecessary testing, misdiagnosis and inappropriate treatment. This not only widens the chasm of health disparities, but also affects healthcare costs and patient satisfaction.

Speakers shared best-practice and other solutions to the challenges that language barriers can pose in healthcare access, quality and outcomes. Featured speakers, pictured, included:



- Debbie Salas Lopez, MD, chief transformation officer for Lehigh Valley Health Network
- Barbara Holfelner, RN, vice president of corporate ethics, privacy and internal audit at Lourdes Health System
- Simone Peart, JD, equal opportunity specialist for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights
- Christina L. Cordero, PhD, MPH, from The Joint Commission
- Elizabeth Simunovich, from Hackensack University Medical Center.

## HENtrack DATA REMINDER

Please remember to enter your August 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.)*

## SPOTLIGHT ON SAFETY

### N.J. Hospital Efforts Recognized for Reducing CT Scans: #ScanSmart

The number of N.J. hospitals and providers has grown for those utilizing non-radiation protocols to accurately diagnose head injuries and protect young patients.

Recently recognized nationally for its ongoing efforts, NJHA's #ScanSmart initiative has helped ignite the use of alternate processes within hospitals' emergency and pediatric units by educating staff, patients and parents by providing toolkits comprised of resources and tools on adapting to the new federal guidelines.

Many experts are concerned that overuse of the standard CT scan procedure, which is 200 times the strength of a chest X-ray, could harm children who receive repeated scans, even causing cancer. National estimates show at least one in three CT scans is not necessary to reach a correct diagnosis.

Since the #ScanSmart initiative 2016 kick-off, many N.J. hospitals have seen a significant reduction in performing unnecessary CT scans to assess minor head injuries in children, a 17 percent reduction since 2017. NJHA is honored to be part of such successful efforts and continues to pursue improved practices for the betterment of health for all N.J. residents. To access the full article, click [here](#).

## Striving to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections

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

The fourth webinar, “Striving to Prevent Clostridium Difficile Infections (CDI),” is scheduled for Oct. 10, 1-2 p.m. EST.

This event will feature the CDI prevention team from Jersey Shore University Medical Center. To register for this event, click here:

<https://njha.webex.com/njha/onstage/striveCDI>

The recordings for the prior webinars in this series, featuring topics covering CAUTIs, VAEs and *C.difficile*, can be found on our webpage under the respective topic at [www.njha.com/PFP/NJTools](http://www.njha.com/PFP/NJTools).

## Antibiotic Stewardship Collaborative

NJHIIN has scheduled an event as a continuation of its Antibiotic Stewardship Collaborative. Please be sure to join us by registering for the following session:

- Using electronically submitted data to drive improvement: Overview of NHSN antimicrobial use transmissions
  - Oct. 17, 12 noon – 1p.m. EST  
Presentation by Health Monitoring  
Registration link:  
[https://njha.webex.com/NJABXS\\_NHSNuse\\_10.17.18](https://njha.webex.com/NJABXS_NHSNuse_10.17.18)

### 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>

## 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](http://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

#### NJHA Pressure Injury Collaborative

- Oct. 9, 1 p.m. EST
  - “NJHA Pressure Injury Collaborative Coaching Call”  
Presenter: Mary Brennan, RN, MBA, CWON  
Register:  
[https://njha.webex.com/njha/PICollaborative\\_10.9.18](https://njha.webex.com/njha/PICollaborative_10.9.18)

#### NJHIIN Striving to Prevent HAIs webinar series

- Oct. 10, 1 p.m. EST
  - “Striving to Prevent Clostridium Difficile Infections”  
Presenters: Jersey Shore University Medical Center’s CDI prevention team  
Register:  
<https://njha.webex.com/njha/onstage/striveCDI>

#### NJHA Antimicrobial Stewardship Collaborative

- Oct. 17, 12 noon EST
  - “NJHA Antimicrobial Stewardship Collaborative”  
Presenter: Health Monitoring