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AHRQ Releases TeamSTEPPS™ Updates

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has released TeamSTEPPS™ 2.0, a complete update and streamlining of the original curriculum, incorporating new evidence, lessons learned and input from experts.

TeamSTEPPS™ 2.0 includes several significant changes:

- A measurement module has been added that provides information about how to measure the impact of TeamSTEPPS™ and the available tools to support evaluation.
- The communication module has been moved up in the order of instruction to better align with the emphasis on communicating early and often to improve teamwork.
- The course management guide has been updated to include TeamSTEPPS™ modules and versions that have been added for the user's reference.

Institutions already using the TeamSTEPPS™ training toolkit do not need to make any changes to their instruction methods, but they can use the new streamlined materials as desired. The curriculum is available online and in DVD format and includes presentations, teaching modules and video vignettes that can be used to train staff.

NIH Launches End-of-Life Web Page

The National Institutes of Health has launched a new End-of-Life module on its NIHSeniorHealth Web site, which provides visitors with information about the most common issues faced by the dying and their caregivers.

The End of Life module describes the physical, mental and emotional needs of people nearing the end of life and suggests ways to maintain their quality of life, such as hospice and home care. It also addresses the often complex practical concerns that can attend death, including financial issues, advance directives, caregiver support and more. Other topics include:

- Addressing pain
- Types and places of end-of-life care
- Planning and paying for end-of-life care
- Handling healthcare issues
- When the end comes

- Coping with grief
- Research efforts

Save the Date

Please note: While the information below is a list of planned programs for 2014, at this time not all programs can be accessed online for registration.

April 4	Transforming Care at the Bedside
May 8	Preventing Readmissions and Improving Transitions in Care (co-provided with HQSI)
May 13	CUSP for ESRD in New Jersey
May 20	Reducing Healthcare-Acquired Infections Using a Collaborative Approach
Sept. 18	Adverse Drug Events
Sept. 29	Geriatric Emergency Department Guidelines

Click here to register.

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