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NJHA Launches Maternal/Child Health Web Page for Providers

NJHA's Institute for Quality and Patient Safety last week launched a new [Web page](#) focused on maternal/child health. The goal is to help providers improve the health and well-being of women, infants, children and families.

There are three sections that cover Improving Outcomes, Supporting Breastfeeding Moms and Babies and Patient and Family Engagement. Each section offers tools and resources at both state and federal levels as well as community partners.

Anxiety, Provider Mistrust Send Patients back to ED

Emergency department (ED) patients who return within a few days of discharge are usually anxious about their symptoms and lack trust in their care, [according to](#) a new study published in the *Annals of Emergency Medicine*.

The most common reason for return was uncertainty about the condition they were originally treated for, according to the study. Subjects did not report significant problems with post-discharge instructions or transportation. Four in 10 of the returning patients were admitted upon their return; these patients were most likely to experience a deterioration of a pre-existing or chronic condition, according to the study.

Other reasons why patients returned to the ED rather than visiting an outpatient clinic for follow-up treatment were concern over insufficient resources at clinics, as well as the waits associated with outpatient testing and multiple appointments on different days. Seventy percent of patients had a primary care physician, according to the study.

U.S. Must Produce over 1 Million RNs by 2022 to Meet Demand

The United States will need to produce 1.1 million new RNs by 2022 to fill jobs and replace retirees, according to an [announcement](#) from the American Nurses Association (ANA).

About one in five nurses is set to retire soon, according to [statistics](#) from ANA. To deal with the aging population, increased access to care after healthcare reform and the new value-based healthcare model, the ANA recommended actions on federal funding, nurse education and hiring practices to make sure the industry meets demand and focuses on quality.

ANA recommendations include:

- Increase federal funding for Title VIII by 12 percent for 2015.
- Bolster nurse education by developing and recruiting more educators, increasing capacity of nursing programs, replacing aging faculty members and boosting incentives to teach.
- Highlight the importance of transitioning from education to practice. Encourage new hires to work with experienced RNs.

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.

Sept. 17	Webinar: Preventing Hospital-Acquired VTE in 2014: Successful Strategies
Sept. 18	Adverse Drug Events
Sept. 22	Annual Leadership Summit
Sept. 29	Geriatric Emergency Department Guidelines
Oct. 14	Webinar: 2014 Fall Prevention Update
Oct. 21	Improving Surgical Safety and Patient Outcomes
Nov. 19	2015 Joint Commission Hospital Accreditation Update
Nov. 20	Patient and Family Engagement across the Continuum and Across

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