

CURRENT COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Strategies for sepsis quality improvement was the topic of the New Jersey Sepsis Learning Action Collaborative’s monthly webinar held on June 17. A general overview of various quality improvement models was followed by a focused presentation led by Jackie Blanchard, RN, MSN, CIC, Director of Infection Prevention for Atlantic Health System. Jackie outlined the journey that Newton Medical Center’s sepsis team has taken over the past three years as they participated in The Joint Commission’s Center for Transforming Healthcare Reducing Sepsis Mortality project.

To achieve the goals of this robust quality improvement effort, Newton Medical Center’s team followed the six sigma process of “Define Measure Analyze Improve Control (DMAIC)” a data driven quality strategy. As part of this process, Jackie and the sepsis team at Newton collected extensive baseline data, reviewed multiple sepsis related measures and controls, conducted root cause analysis and designed and tested solutions to improve sepsis outcomes. Following the presentation of the DMAIC process, Newton sepsis team members Dr. Anthony Brutico, Emergency Department Medical Director and Laura Anderson, RN, MSN, CIC, Manager of Infection Prevention discussed challenges and successes of implementing the various sepsis interventions, as well as a detailed sepsis case study.

To learn more about The Joint Commission’s Center for Transforming Healthcare Reducing Sepsis Mortality project click here: <http://www.centerfortransforminghealthcare.org/>

Access recorded Webinars here:

- NJ Sepsis Learning-Action Collaborative Monthly Coaching Webinar, June 17, 2015
<https://njha.webex.com/njha/lsr.php?RCID=27eb6664ac184df5ba531fce623b729c>

READINESS CHECK

- Enter June data into N.J. Sepsis data site by July 30
- Implement severe sepsis screening tools and protocols
- Teams to prepare storyboard for July 16 face to face learning session at NJHA Plan for project implementation with the Team Work Plan.

LOOKING AHEAD

There is no webinar for the month of July.

Please join us for the New Jersey Sepsis Learning-Action Collaborative Face-to-Face Meeting on July 16, 2015 at New Jersey Hospital Association, Princeton, NJ.

Click here to view full agenda and register for this event: <http://www.njha.com/education/brochure/?id=622>

SPOTLIGHT ON SEPSIS



NEWTON MEDICAL CENTER SEPSIS TEAM

(From left to right): Dr. AJ Brutico, DO; Jackie Blanchard, RN; Nancy Baty, RN; Patty Aprile, RN; Laura Anderson, RN; Jeannie Van Auken, RN.