

CURRENT COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Improving care of sepsis patients in the post-acute care setting has been the focus of a collaborative pilot group since earlier this year. The pilot group consists of six teams, including three rehabilitation hospitals, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Toms River, St. Lawrence Rehabilitation Center and HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Tinton Falls.

The September webinar highlighted the efforts of those three rehab teams and the importance of early identification and management of sepsis in the post-acute care setting. The teams described how they are partnering with their acute care hospital partners, engaging multidisciplinary staff in processes for early recognition and treatment of sepsis, and measuring acute care readmissions related to infection and sepsis. The pilot teams helped to develop the NJ Toolkit for Post-Acute Care Settings which is available for free at www.NJHA.com/sepsis.

To view the recorded September 16th webinar, please access: <https://njha.webex.com/njha/lr.php?RCID=1177bf6361254afa8f1d8311590eaece>

READINESS CHECK

Enter September data into N.J. Sepsis data site by Oct. 30

- Complete Team Progress Update by Oct. 16 at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NJSEPSIS_PROGRESS_UPDATE

LOOKING AHEAD

Please join us October 21 at 1:00 p.m. for our next collaborative Webinar on “Pediatric Considerations in Severe Sepsis” featuring guest speaker Dr. Margaret M. Parker, MCCM, Professor of Pediatrics, Anesthesia and Medicine at Stony Brook University School of Medicine, Director of Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Stony Brook Long Island Children’s Hospital.

Webinar log in info:

Event address for attendees:

<https://njha.webex.com/njha/onstage/g.php?d=665900713&t=a>

For audio conference only:

Toll-free number: 1-877-668-4490

Access code: 665 900 713 Event password: njsepsis

RESOURCES

A recent study that addresses the risks and costs associated with sepsis readmissions:

Critical Care Medicine: October 2015 - Volume 43 - Issue 10 - p 2085–2093; doi: 10.1097/CCM.0000000000001159

Clinical Investigations

Rehospitalizations Following Sepsis: Common and Costly*

Chang, Dong W. MD, MS; Tseng, Chi-Hong PhD; Shapiro, Martin F. MD, PhD

SPOTLIGHT ON SEPSIS



HEALTHSOUTH REHABILITATION HOSPITAL – TOMS RIVER

PHOTO: Left to right: Coleen Rossi, Quality Director; Judy Boccellato, Educator/Nurse Manager; Susan G. Castor, Chief Nursing Officer; Dr. Lalitha Krishnan, Internal Medicine Director; Karen Naglich, Infection Control Coordinator; Margie Kraemer, Nurse Manager.



ST. LAWRENCE REHABILITATION CENTER

PHOTO: (Front row from left to right): Darlene Hanley, RN, LNHA, FACHE, CEO; Kate Corriero, RN, WCC, Infection Control Practitioner; Laura Goitein, RN, BSN, Staff Educator Pl. (Back row from left to right): Shirley Pukala, RN, Assist. Admin. of Operations, CNO; Andy Higginbottom, Dir., Inpatient Physical Therapy; Donna Sears, Dir., Therapeutic Recreation and JC Compliance; Hsiu-chin Brix, RN, BSN, DON Sub-acute/LTC; Barbara Fox, Dir., Inpatient Occupational Therapy; Kevin Mcguigan, MD, Medical Director.



HEALTHSOUTH REHABILITATION HOSPITAL – TINTON FALLS

PHOTO: Left to right: Cindy Lowenstein, Hospital Educator; Linda Savino, CEO; Bill Kupchunas, CNO; Sharon Hatzelhoff, Nurse Supervisor; Margaret Hernandez, Nurse Supervisor; Rose Whelan, Infection Control Coord.; Ami Sparano, Dir., of Quality and Risk.