



PARTNERSHIP FOR PATIENTS-NJHIIN UPDATES

Antimicrobial Stewardship Collaborative

The New Jersey Hospital Association (NJHA) is leading a statewide Antimicrobial Stewardship Collaborative for N.J. acute care hospitals and long term care facilities beginning January 2017. Led by physician champion Dr. Cindy Hou, DO, and the team at Kennedy Health, the collaborative will promote and measure use of the appropriate agent, dose, duration and route of administration of antimicrobial agents in the acute care and post-acute care settings. The collaborative will focus on improving quality of patient care and patient safety while reducing excessive costs attributable to inappropriate antimicrobial use, as well as working to establish antibiotic stewardship in every hospital and post-acute care setting.

The N.J. Antimicrobial Stewardship Collaborative held its kick-off webinar Jan. 18. To listen to a recording of the event, click [here](#).

NJHA continues collecting registrations for hospitals interested in joining this collaborative. The registration link is included [here](#). Registrations are due by Jan. 25.

For any questions on joining this collaborative or to register for upcoming events, contact Lauren Rava at lrava@njha.com.

HENtrack DATA REMINDER

Please remember to enter your December 2016 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

Raritan Bay Medical Center – Focus on Interpreters

As difficult as it may be for the average person to understand medical jargon, doing so as a person with limited English proficiency (LEP) is an even greater challenge. Raritan Bay Medical Center (RBMC) is meeting this challenge with a pool of trained qualified bilingual staff, professional interpreters and telephonic language line services at both their Perth Amboy and Old Bridge locations.

Many of their bilingual staff have been trained as qualified medical interpreters through NJHA's Health Research and Educational Trust of New Jersey's interpreter training for bilingual staff in healthcare



program. RBMC has taken this training even further by requiring their interpreters to attend annual two-hour competency meetings. These meetings reinforce the important concepts of an interpretive session and address any concerns.

Every interpreter at RMBC is placed on a list available through the system's intranet, with a function for providers to easily request an interpreter to assist with their patients. Each interpretive session is logged for the interpreter and included in the patient's medical record. Recognizing the invaluable role their interpreters play in maximizing patient safety and quality of

care for their diverse patients, RBMC provides interpreters a quarterly stipend after a certain number of patient interactions.

MEET YOUR NJHA HIInnovators!



Angela Centellas

Angela Centellas is a program coordinator for NJHA's Health Research and Educational Trust located in Princeton, N.J. She graduated from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey - School of Public Health

in 2015 with a Masters in public health.

At NJHA, Angela's primary tasks include projects associated with the Partnerships for Patients-NJ campaign and is one of the Master Trainers for the TeamSTEPPS program. She coordinates the pressure ulcer prevention and venous thromboembolism prevention efforts for the NJHIIN and trains bilingual clinical staff through NJHA's Interpreter Training Program.

Angela has extensive experience evaluating maternal and child health projects, including the Parents

In Case You Missed It

To access the select previously recorded webinars, click on the links below:

- December 6 – NJHIIN Kickoff – [PLAY RECORDING](#)
- December 7: The Power of ZERO: HAI Kills – CLABSI – [PLAY RECORDING](#)
- December 7: Putting Policy into Practice: Implementing Section 1557 at the Hospital Level – [PLAY RECORDING](#)
- December 14 - Improving Safety Culture Through a High Reliability Approach – [PLAY RECORDING](#)
- January 11: The Power of ZERO: HAI Kills - CAUTI – [PLAY RECORDING](#)

Learning and Nurturing (PLAN) Program with Jewish Children and Family Services of Greater Mercer County and the Strong Start: Centering Pregnancy Group Perinatal Care project with the Central Jersey Family Health Consortium. Angela also co-manages the Perinatal Safety Learning Collaborative at NJHA.

UPCOMING NJHIIN OFFERINGS

Webinars

Call-in numbers for all webinars:
1-877-668-4490 / 1-408-792-6300

New Jersey High Reliability Collaborative

- January 30, 11 a.m. EST [90 minutes]
 - *“Launching the New Jersey High Reliability Collaborative: Learning from the Journey of Others”*
 Event address for attendees: [Register Here](#)

HAI Webinar Series

Series Presenter: Linda Greene, RN, MPS, CIC, University of Rochester Medical Center, president-elect of APIC

- February 9, 1 p.m. EST
 - *“The Power of ZERO: HAI Kills – Surgical Site Infections”*
 Event address for attendees: [Register Here](#)

NJHA Antimicrobial Stewardship Collaborative

- February 9, 12 noon EST
 - *“Overview of Metrics and QI Approach”*
 Event address for attendees: [Register Here](#)

VTE

- March 17, 12 p.m. EST
 - *“Assessing Risk for VTE in Hospitalized Patients”*
 Presenter: Alex C. Spyropoulos, MD, *professor of medicine, Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine*
 Event address for attendees: [Register Here](#)