



HASC to Host Forum on Improving Critical Care Sept. 14

An informational forum on improving critical care in Southern California and the potential role of tele-ICU technology in community hospitals will be held Wednesday, Sept. 14.

Sponsored by the California HealthCare Foundation (CHCF), the forum is designed to help hospitals:

- Identify critical care challenges faced in Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties
- Discuss emerging evidence on the clinical and financial impact of tele-ICU technology
- Evaluate the potential role of tele-ICU technology as a regional

mechanism to expand intensivist physician coverage, improve outcomes and efficiency of ICU care

- Discuss regional developments in critical care

Presenters will include experts from the New England Health Care Institute (NEHI), a national health policy research institute focused on enabling innovation, and the Center for Connected Health Policy based in Sacramento.

Attendees can select from two event locations:

- HASC Los Angeles Office, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Riverside Community Hospital's

Health Education Center, 4445 Magnolia Avenue, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Parking and light refreshments will be available at both locations.

To attend, please RSVP no later than Friday, Sept. 2, to Helen Duhe at hduhe@chcf.org, noting the preferred location in the email. For more information, please contact Lisa Payne Simon, Senior Program Director, NEHI, at lpSimon@nehi.net, or Veenu Aulakh, Senior Program Officer, CHCF, at vaulakh@chcf.org.

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Last Day to Participate in Emergency Codes Survey

Today, Aug. 19, is the last day to complete your responses for the survey of hospital emergency codes. The statewide survey is being conducted by the California Hospital Association's Hospital Preparedness Program and the Regional Associations. Access the survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2011emergencycodesurvey>.

Periodic surveys help identify trends to consider when updating hospital and health system emergency codes. With 100 percent hospital participation, the survey can provide more complete data for every facility to enhance the safety of its patients and visitors.

Survey results will be presented at the workshop, *Active Shooter — Steps to Mitigate Harm*, scheduled for Sept. 21. The workshop follows the Disaster Planning for Hospitals Conference Sept. 19-20 in Sacramento.

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Nominate Your Staff for a 2011 Hospital Hero Award

Nomination forms for the 6th Annual Hospital Hero Awards, scheduled for Friday, Nov. 11, 2011, at the Marriott Hotel, Downtown Los Angeles, are now available at www.hasc.org/2011HospitalHeroAwards.

The awards are intended to highlight the exceptional achievements

of health care professionals in member hospitals throughout the HASC region. All hospital staff members who have made an outstanding contribution to the hospital's unique service delivery mission within the past 12 months are eligible, including medical, technical, clinical, administrative and volunteer.

For tickets, sponsorship information or tribute journal ad specifics, visit www.hasc.org/2011HospitalHeroAwards. Proceeds from this annual event benefit the National Health Foundation.

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Aug. 9 Southern California Patient Safety Collaborative Track I Meeting Focuses on Hospital-Acquired Infections, Sepsis & Surgical Care Improvement Project

The Aug. 9 Track I meeting of the Southern California Patient Safety Collaborative, focusing on Hospital-Acquired Infections, Sepsis & Surgical Care Improvement Project, drew 99 attendees.

Fast Facts, a one-page meeting summary of highlights, is distributed after the meeting. This communication tool is designed to offer senior leaders the information shared and to provide a tool that can be used to facilitate a short debriefing with meeting attendees. For *Fast Facts* from this meeting, please visit http://www.hasc.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/fastfacts_track1_080911.pdf.

Key topics from the meeting

included:

- Renewing our Commitment to Patient Safety First
- SCPSC Collaborative Progress and AIM Statement Workshop
- National Initiative, Local Implementation - the 10th Scope of Work
- California Department of Public Health: Focus on Healthcare-Acquired Infections

Interactive breakout sessions included:

- Understanding Problems' Cause and Effect: Fishboning Exercise
- Designing the Small Test of Change: PDSA Exercise

SCPSC meetings are presented by HASC, Health Services

Advisory Group and the National Health Foundation, and take place at Pacific Palms Conference Resort, Industry Hills.

Partners for *Patient Safety First... a California Partnership for Health* include:

- Anthem Blue Cross
- The three regional hospital associations of California: Southern California, San Diego & Imperial Counties, and Northern & Central California
- The National Health Foundation

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Registration Still Available for October HASC/Wound Care Education Institute Training and Certification

The next session of HASC and Wound Care Education Institute's training and certification will take place Oct. 10-14 at Children's Hospital Orange County.

Registration is \$2,297 with coupon code HASC2010. The registration form is available at <http://www.hasc.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/hascapp12.7.10.pdf>.

HASC member hospitals, in partnership with the Health Services Advisory Group (the California QIO), are working to accelerate improvement in wound

care and pressure ulcer prevention through the Southern California Patient Safety Collaborative. This collaborative is part of *Patient Safety First... a California Partnership for Health*, which is funded by Anthem Blue Cross.

Toward this end, HASC and Wound Care Education Institute have joined forces to significantly reduce the incidence and severity of pressure ulcers among patients served by Southern California's hospitals, long-term care providers and home health agencies. By

offering the skin and wound management course with the WCC® certification exam, their goal will be to improve specialized wound care education, skills and certification of nursing staff, and to dramatically expand the pool of talent available to hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and home health agencies trained in the prevention and treatment of pressure ulcers.

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