

**NCPS Mission:** To continuously improve the safety and quality of healthcare delivery in the region.



## **NCPS Update July 2021**

### **A Message from the Board of Directors**

#### **Opportunity to Join NCPS**

Within a few weeks, NCPS will seek candidates for the position of Patient Safety Program Director. Dr. Regina Nailon, our current Patient Safety Program Director, is leaving NCPS this fall as she seeks a part-time position that better fits with her transition to retirement.

If you have a degree in a healthcare related field (Master's degree preferred) and are a subject matter expert in patient safety and performance improvement, please consider this position. For further information, contact NCPS Executive Director, Gail Brondum ([gail.brondum@unmc.edu](mailto:gail.brondum@unmc.edu)), and watch for the position to post on the UNMC jobs site (<https://unmc.peopleadmin.com/postings/search> ) within a few weeks.

We look forward to finding a team member who will continue to build upon the contributions that Dr. Nailon has made with respect to advancing our patient safety education and electronic reporting programs, and other services provided to our members.

### **NCPS Shared Learning Resource: Reporting Committee Summary**

This month's learning resource is the Quarter 2 Reporting Committee Summary. The summary focuses on improving patient safety during procedures involving insertion of medical devices. It includes a primer on the importance of examining human factors in medical error, and risk mitigation strategies to improve system safety. It also contains an organizational self-assessment, "*Could this happen in your organization?*" with links to valuable resources. The summary is available for members by visiting the Educational Resources tab in the members only portal on the NCPS website: <https://www.nepatientsafety.org/members/>

### **Learning Opportunities for NCPS Members**

#### **Agricultural Health and Safety Course**

The Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health and the UNMC College of Public Health are excited to offer this course **free of charge** as a **THANK YOU** to those working to improve the health and safety of communities across the world.

#### **About the Course**

The Agricultural Health and Safety Course for Medical and Safety Professionals is designed to examine key health and safety issues specific to rural and agricultural workers. Experts will present course material relevant to those working in health care, public health, education, and safety professions.

**Check out the agenda [here](#).**

#### **Course Dates**

- Session A Livestream: Agricultural Health — July 13-14, 2021 (16.0 CEU)
- Session B Livestream: Agricultural Safety and Prevention — July 15-16, 2021 (16.0 CEU)

- Session C Online: Special Topics — Online modules available starting July 13, 2021 (4.75 CEU)

### **Continuing Education Credit**

Earn up to 36.75 Continuing Education Credits by completing all 3 sessions.

### **How to Participate in the Course**

This course is offered free of charge however **registration is required**.

- Sessions A and B will be delivered live via the Zoom Video Conferencing software.
- Session C consists of online modules that you may complete at your own pace.

To receive continuing education credits, you must complete all session/course requirements by August 13, 2021.

**For more information and to register visit:**

<https://www.unmc.edu/cce/catalog/clinicmed/aghealth/index.html>

**Please forward this information to your colleagues and others who might be interested in this learning opportunity!**

## **NCPS Webinar: Patient Safety Organizations 101: Patient Safety Work Product Privilege in the Context of PSOs – Recording available!**

If you were unable to join us for this webinar presented on June 2 by Michael Callahan, Senior Counsel on the Katten Law Health Care team, the recording and handouts are now available in the [NCPS members only portal](#), on the Educational resources page.

## **NCPS Debrief Implementation Collaborative Webinar #2: How to Conduct Effective Debriefs – Recording available!**

If you were unable to join us for this webinar on June 9 by Katherine Jones PT, PhD, the recording and handouts are now available in the [Debrief Implementation Collaborative Toolkit](#) on the NCPS website.



## **NCPS Webinar: Interventions for Hospital Fall Risk Reduction**

**Date:** Thursday, September 23

**Time:** 12:00 – 1:00 PM Central Time

During this webinar, Dawn Venema, PT, PhD, Associate Professor, Division of Physical Therapy Education in the College of Allied Health Professions at UNMC will discuss recurring themes and patterns identified in the analyses of CAPTURE falls data and present evidence-based interventions that are linked to fall risk factors. More details to come!

## **Patient Safety Resources**

**The Debrief Implementation Collaborative Toolkit is now available!**

This [toolkit](#) is intended to support Nebraska hospital teams in their efforts to use debriefs to improve quality and patient safety in healthcare delivery. It was developed as part of a Debrief Implementation Collaborative program that NCPS coordinated in partnership with the following organizations:

- Bryan Health Rural Division
- CHI Health Nebraska, CAH Network
- Nebraska Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative
- Nebraska Association for Healthcare Quality Risk and Safety
- Nebraska Coalition for Patient Safety
- Nebraska Hospital Association

Funding for the Debrief Implementation Collaborative was provided by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Office of Rural Health, Flex Program.

### **A Quality Improvement Initiative to Reduce Rejected Laboratory Samples and Enhance Specimen Acceptability**

Clinical laboratories play an important role in patient diagnosis and care management. However, blood specimens may be rejected for a variety of reasons, which can result in significant clinical consequences for patient safety. In this issue of the Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety, learn how a hospital team used rapid tests of change to enhance specimen acceptability and improve care, and reduce their specimen rejection rate by 50% in the emergency department and their coronary intensive care unit. [Read more.](#)

### **Mitigating the Risks of Patient Use of Insulin Pumps and Continuous Glucose Monitoring Systems**

Many patients with diabetes rely on use of personal insulin pumps and continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) systems to manage their glycemic control. When hospitalized, the desire to continue using their personal devices can pose quality and safety risks for the organization. The Joint Commission has released a new Quick Safety advisory about safe patient use of insulin pumps and CHM systems during hospitalization. The advisory provides strategies for hospitals to follow to help safely implement patient use of their personal devices. Access [Quick Safety 59](#).

### **Shift-to-Shift Nursing Handover Interventions Associated with Improved Patient Outcomes: An Integrative Review**

This literature review identified which nursing handover interventions are associated with improved patient outcomes in the hospital setting, specifically patient falls, pressure injuries and medication administration errors. Although interventions varied across the studies that were reviewed, the results indicate the importance of having the handover occur at the bedside and using a structured approach, such as the Situation, Background, Assessment, Recommendation (SBAR) format, led to improved patient outcomes. Access the review [here](#).

## **COVID-19 Resources**

## How Can States Accelerate COVID-19 Vaccination?

According to experts at the Commonwealth Fund, six months after the COVID-19 vaccines were first administered in the U.S., more than 60% of adults have received at least one dose, including more than 85% of those age 65 and older. Now that demand at mass vaccination sites is falling, they emphasize that continuing progress to reach the rate of 70% in all states will require local approaches to make it comfortable and convenient for communities to receive the vaccine. [Read the Commonwealth Report.](#)

As of June 24, 2021, less than 5% of 1.9 million Nebraskans who are eligible to be vaccinated were partially vaccinated, and 47.5% are fully vaccinated. Anyone in Nebraska 12 and up can now be vaccinated. Family members and caregivers are encouraged to assist with vaccine sign-up if needed. [Finish Strong Nebraska](#) is the state's official COVID-19 vaccination campaign and supports the state's efforts to end the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic in order to return to normal. The goal is to encourage all residents who are eligible to get vaccinated when it's their turn. How is your community doing? Click [here](#) to view the Nebraska COVID-19 Dashboard, and open the tab titled, "LHD Statistics Map" to view the state's local health departments (LHDs). Click on your LHD and find the statistics about COVID-19 cases and vaccinations.

***Need resources to help you talk about the vaccine with patients and families?*** Click here to download the [Conversation Guide to Improve COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake](#) made available from the Institute for Healthcare Improvement.

## Telehealth can Promote Breastfeeding During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has shortened postpartum stays, decreasing the normal time for new mothers to have in-person support while they and their babies establish breastfeeding. [Read](#) how one health system is successfully using telehealth to fill the gap.

## Maintaining Maternal-Newborn Safety during the COVID-19 Pandemic

This article reviews the impact of the pandemic on maternal and newborn populations, such as implications for maternity care, maternal-newborn separation, and universal testing. The authors describe changes made in their practice to maintain safety, minimize COVID-19 transmission, and optimize patient safety during the pandemic. Access [here](#).