

NCPS Update: August 2022

A Message from the Executive Director

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Annually, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recognizes National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) in August. NIAM highlights the importance of vaccination in protecting patients of all ages against vaccine-preventable diseases. As healthcare providers and patient safety advocates, we all play a critical role in educating and raising awareness among vaccine recipients, to address benefits and common questions and concerns. As many youth return to school this month, I encourage you to explore the various toolkits found on the [CDC website](#) for strategies on communicating with parents, patients, and fellow healthcare providers regarding vaccination.



In June, the NCPS workforce along with the Board of Directors and other community stakeholders, held our annual strategic planning meeting. The meeting was an opportunity for participants to engage in dialogue regarding the strategic direction of NCPS and collaborate on goals for the future. We are particularly enthusiastic about working toward our goal of enhancing the patient safety event reporting process through our electronic reporting platform, Press Ganey. Press Ganey will support NCPS and member organizations to generate real-time feedback, action-oriented dashboards, and deeper insight into best practices to optimize patient safety. If you would like to learn more about Press Ganey or how NCPS can support your patient safety reporting process, please reach out to me. Thank you for your partnership and continued efforts to improve patient safety.

NCPS Shared Learning Resources

The shared learning resource this month is a tool from the National Transitions of Care Coalition. Data shows that an increase in events of patient harm occur when patients move from one setting to another (hospital to home, hospital to long-term care, outpatient to inpatient setting, etc.). This tool was originally created in 2011 to foster more successful transitions of care across all settings. Just this April it was revised to address additional current considerations for patient transitions in care. The tool focuses on Seven Essential Intervention Categories (Medication Management Services & Coordination; Transition Planning; Patient and Identified Family Caregiver Engagement & Education; Information Transfer; Follow Up Care; Healthcare Provider Engagement & Shared Accountability Across the Healthcare Continuum; and Physical Health, Mental Health, Social Determinants of Health Triune). In addition to concise descriptions explaining the purpose of each category, examples of care intervention considerations for each category are provided.

The Care Transition Bundle Seven Essential Intervention Categories document may be found [here](#) as well as on the NCPS website within the healthcare provider [resources](#).

Learning Opportunities for NCPS Members

Recording of Webinar: Updates to the Clinical Management of Mild Chronic Hypertension in OB Patients

If you were unable to attend the July 14th webinar with Dr. Sean Kenney, Fetal-Maternal Medicine Specialist at Bryan Health in Lincoln, you can watch a recording of the event. It may be found on our member's Educational Resources [page](#).

Sepsis Alliance Clinical Community Roundtable: Hemodynamic Management of Patients with Sepsis

This is a peer-to-peer roundtable discussion with Sepsis Alliance members from critical access hospitals as well as larger academic medical centers. During this roundtable panelists will explain their organization's current invasive and non-invasive hemodynamic management protocols. They will share what has worked at their institutions, where they still struggle, what types of continuing education have helped to ensure clinical competency, and how to garner buy-in and engagement across disciplines and departments. The target audience for this roundtable is broad and includes nurses, advance practice providers, emergency responders, pharmacists, medical technologists, respiratory therapists, physical/occupational therapists, infection prevention specialists, data/quality specialists, and more. Register [here](#) for the August 25th 11am - 12:30pm event. CEs are available to attendees.

Webinar: Infusion Administration Methods

Moog Medical is offering a free webinar with CEUs available to attendees. This course provides a broad overview of infusion pump basics and history. Attendees will learn key points of infusion pump performance and the operating specifications, benefits, and challenges associated with various types of pumps (i.e. elastomeric, syringe, and peristaltic). Register for the September 1st 12pm webinar [here](#).

Webinar: Clinical Leadership + Pharmacy

Recognizing the fast evolution of clinical teams, Becker's Healthcare is hosting a webinar focused on recruiting and retaining top talent to build resilient, patient-focused teams. The agenda includes the following sessions:

- What Resilient Clinical Teams Do Differently
- The Big Priorities for CMOs Today and Building for the Future
- Clinical Staffing Strategies for the Next 2 Years
- The Factors Shaping Pharmacy Strategies and Policy for the Next 2 Years
- Elevating the Ambulatory and Pharmacy Patient Experience: Best Ideas from Top Systems
- Value-based Care: How the Best Clinical and Pharmacy Leaders Drive Results

Register for the event [here](#).

Webinar: Sepsis Alliance Summit

The Sepsis Alliance Summit returns on September 28 and 29! This **virtual** conference features a range of sepsis-related topics in healthcare. It features two days of **FREE** learning and inspiration for healthcare professionals across the continuum of care. Register for it now at [SepsisSummit.org](#).

Patient Safety Resources

IHI's Quality Improvement Project Change Concepts Worksheet

This worksheet will help your team to choose and explore relevant change concepts for a quality improvement project. Note: It is part of the IHI Quality Improvement Practicum, a 9-week online course in which participants receive tools, coaching, and community support to aid them in running a local improvement project. It may be found [here](#).

PSNet's Distinguishing High-Performing from Low-Performing Hospitals for Severe

Maternal Morbidity: A Focus on Quality and Equity

[Read](#) about the six themes which differentiate high-performing hospitals from low-performing hospitals for severe maternal morbidity. Also access PSNet's Patient Safety Primer and Curated Library on maternal safety from the same webpage.

COVID-19 Resources

Note of Interest: As of Wednesday, August 10th at 8:00AM EDT, the unofficial U.S. COVID-19 toll reached 92,343,457 cases and 1,034,654 deaths. This is an increase of 102,149 and 633, respectively, since the previous day.

Numerous Wrong Dose Errors with PAXLOVID

The Institute for Safety Medication Practices has recently published an article reaffirming concerns about dosing errors with PAXLOVID; concerns they had first expressed back in January 2022 when PAXLOVID was first made available. ISMP and the FDA have received numerous reports of incorrect doses with the packaging of the medication found to be a contributing factor in many of the reports. Please read this [update](#) which includes several practical Safe Practice Recommendations (i.e. increase awareness, check EHR and prescribing system configuration, utilize clinical decision support, check and confirm renal function, avoid communicating the dose by tablet or blister color, educate patients, engage manufacturer in reconfiguring the packaging).

James Lawlor, MD, MPH COVID and Back to School

Dr. Lawlor, UNMC's Co-Executive Director of the Global Center for Health Security, provides an in-depth review of COVID-19 seroprevalence studies in his August 2, 2022 podcast which indicate that school-age children are more prone to infection and spreading infection. Additionally he provides updates on recent hospitalizations and monkeypox. In conclusion, the information provided once again shows that vaccination is the best defense against COVID. The presentation may be found [here](#).

For more information about NCPS and the services we offer, please contact Carla Snyder MT(ASCP)SBB, MHA, Patient Safety Program Director at: carlasnyder@unmc.edu

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