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Physician Opportunities with IQH

IQH continues its 40-year history of dedication to improving health quality at the community level. Opportunities for physician contributions include participation in learning and action networks for promoting health information technology integration into clinical practice; optimizing preventive health screenings; reducing risk factors for cardiac disease; improving care transitions to reduce hospital readmissions; and using pharmacy services to decrease adverse drug events.

Patient safety initiatives include improvement in infection control by reducing urinary catheter, central line bloodstream and surgical site infections.

Elimination of the use of restraints in nursing homes and the prevention of pressure ulcers are also goals of IQH.

Interested physicians may call 601-957-1575 ext. 222 for more information about taking part in accomplishing these aims or to become a review physician.

IQH Membership

Please join the IQH program today by signing up at the IQH exhibit to be a voting member. Participate in the Learning & Action Networks. Vote in the Board of Directors election. Be a part of the quality program in Mississippi.

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Review Physicians Welcomed

Physicians interested in performing review for Information & Quality Healthcare should contact Dr. James McIlwain or Stephanie Champion, IQH Review Department manager. (601-957-1575 ext. 247 or 233)

IQH's QIO Program

* Learning & Action Networks (LANs) facilitated by IQH encourage dialogue among healthcare leaders for quality improvement, targeting CMS Aims:

- Promoting Health Information Technology
- Optimizing Preventive Health
- Reducing Cardiac Risk Factors
- Reducing Hospital Readmissions
- Reducing Adverse Drug Effects
- Patient Safety Initiatives
- Reduction of Healthcare-Acquired Infections
- Prevention of Pressure Ulcers and
- Elimination of Restraints
- * Beneficiary Protection

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Reducing Adverse Drug Events

IQH is building teams statewide to work together to reduce the number of emergency room visits, hospitalizations, and readmissions related to adverse drug events.

Brenda Townsend, RN, IQH project leader, is assisting healthcare providers in meeting the goals of the Reducing Adverse Drug Events Project. She is recruiting community-based teams to include physicians, acute care hospitals, skilled care facilities, residents and their families. Assistance includes providing educational programs for staff and tools helpful for resolving problems identified to reduce the possible occurrence of adverse drug events.

Participating team members in the project are using existing comprehensive medication management systems to improve the safe use of medications. Tracing potential adverse drug events as well as adverse drug events in target groups is included.

For more information about the project, contact Ms. Townsend at 601-957-1575 ext. 250.

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