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Useful Tools

**New Care
Transition
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Models**

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Booklet**

**Reducing Adverse
Drug Effects Tool -
The ADE Pocket
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March

National Colorectal
Awareness Month

National Nutrition
Month

March 17-23
Health Information
Professionals Week

March 26:
American Diabetes
Association Alert
Day

Events

March 27
Mississippi Hospital
Association hosts the
MHA Patient Safety

Diabetes Alert

American Diabetes Association Alert Day is a one-day "wake-up call" asking the American public to take the Diabetes Risk Test to find out if they are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes. Held on the fourth Tuesday each March, this year's Alert Day will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2013. The Diabetes Risk Test asks users to answer simple questions about weight, age, family history and other potential risk factors for prediabetes or type 2 diabetes. Preventive tips are provided for everyone who takes the test, including encouraging those at high risk to talk with their health care provider.

Department of Health Diabetes Prevention and Control Program Sets March 18-19 Training

Although Alert Day is a one-day event, the Diabetes Risk Test is available year round. The Diabetes Prevention and Control Program at the Mississippi State Department of Health is sponsoring a two-day training for coalitions on March 18-19 at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The training takes a comprehensive approach to developing the knowledge and skills to organize a strong coalition and develop an effective action plan for diabetes prevention and control at the state or community level. Although the training is specific to diabetes, the knowledge and skills gained have broad application to developing a coalition for any purpose. The intended audience for the training is state and community-level public health practitioners and their community partners. However, the curriculum allows the trainer to tailor an interactive workshop that matches participants' specific needs in the areas of: determining and understanding the burden of diabetes in the community, organizing a community coalition, and developing effective strategies and action plans.

IQH Special Diabetes Project

Free classes are continuing in clinics and non-traditional settings in Meridian for African-American Medicare recipients with diabetes. Classes are held in churches, senior citizen apartments, Meridian Activity Center and other facilities. Taught by nurses, the classes feature props, pictures and activities for interactive learning and emphasize managing diabetes to decrease amputations, blindness and other complications. Interested persons can call 1-800-433-2524

and Quality Summit from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the MHA Conference Center in Madison. More information: Judith Forshee, 800-289-8884, 601-368-3216 or jforshee@mhanet.org

"Working Together to Decrease Acute Care Readmissions" IQH-MHA Meeting April 16
[Register Now!](#)

Online registration open for 2013 Empowering Communities for a Healthy Mississippi Conference May 21-24, Marriott Hotel, Jackson.
[Conference Website and Online Registration](#)

ext. 257 or 217.

1-800-QUITNOW-Outreach Department

The Mississippi Tobacco Quitline, a telephone and online support service to aid Mississippians ready to quit tobacco, now features an outreach services department. The new department is designed to focus on provider education and training and to serve as a liaison between healthcare providers and the Quitline.

The goal is to provide easy access to the Quitline referral process and to make it possible for patients to be contacted as soon as possible for cessation services. The outreach community services department also focuses on health events, organizational conferences and employer-driven biometric screening events and health fairs.

"Creating further understanding and informing healthcare providers and citizens about the Mississippi Tobacco Quitline services are goals of the department," said Pamela Luckett, Tobacco Quitline director. Quitline services are funded by the Mississippi State Department of Health Office of Tobacco Control.

For information on education or training programs or scheduling the Quitline exhibit for health fairs, contact Alisha Parker-Cummins at acummins@iqhquitline.com or call 1-800-784-8669 ext. 214.

Review Physicians Needed

Physicians are needed to review medical records at IQH. Active and semi-retired physicians interested in serving on an as-needed basis may call 601-957-1575 or 800-844-0500 ext. 230 to receive an application. Family physicians and specialties are needed for the review process. Training will be provided for new review physicians, according to Dr. James S. McIlwain, IQH president

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