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Events

June

Alzheimer's and
Brain Awareness
Month

Thursday, June 12,
10 a.m.
Working Together to
Decrease Hospital
Readmissions Rates,
a free IQH webinar
on hospice and
palliative care, will
feature Mary Smith,
FNP-BC, ONP-C,
and Natalie Ellis, RN,
BSN, CHPN, clinical
director, Sanctuary
Hospice House,
Tupelo.
[Register here](#)

Tuesday, June 17,
1 to 3 p.m. IQH
webinar "Journey into
the World of Invisible
Invaders," focusing
on micro lab
information.

Tuesday, June 24,
8 to 5 p.m.
Table 100 Flowood Free
workshop for ADA and

Care Transitions Evidence-Based Interventions Toolkits Available

Two evidence-based interventions focusing on care transitions are Project RED and BOOST.

The effectiveness of Project RED has been demonstrated through its use at a general medical and surgical hospital in the state that had a goal of decreasing readmission rates for its Medicare patients by 20 percent. According to the chief nursing officer, "The quality improvement team ultimately decided to implement Project RED as the intervention model to improve the process of hospital discharge, enhance the coordination of care, and decrease 30-day readmissions following hospital discharge."

"This hospital staff is to be commended for outstanding work in implementing Project RED and achieving its goals," said Mary Helen Conner, IQH project leader.

The RED (*re-engineered discharge*) intervention is founded on 12 discrete, mutually reinforcing components and has been proven to reduce rehospitalizations, yielding high rates of patient satisfaction. For more information, visit <http://www.bu.edu/fammed/projectred>. A toolkit providing guidance to implement the RED for all patients, including those with limited English proficiency and from diverse cultural backgrounds, can be downloaded at:

<http://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/systems/hospital/red/toolkit/index.html>

BOOST: Better Outcomes for Older Adults through Safe Transitions is a national initiative led by the Society of Hospital Medicine to improve the care of patients as they transition from hospital to home. For more information, go to the website:

<http://www.hospitalmedicine.org/boost>

BOOST objectives are to:

- Identify high-risk patients on admission and target risk-specific interventions
- Reduce 30-day readmission rates
- Reduce length of stay
- Improve facility patient satisfaction and HCAHPS scores
- Improve information flow between inpatient and outpatient providers

For additional information on care transitions evidence-based interventions such as INTERACT and CTI coaching, visit <http://msqio.org/C8-integrate-care-populations-communitites-Models.php>

AADE recognized sites provided by the Mississippi State Department of Health on DSME and MNT Reimbursement, Mary Ann Hodorowicz presenting. To register, call or email Deborah C. Colby, M.Ed, RD, LD, CDE, executive director, Gulf Coast Health Educators, 228-234-2046 or gchealtheddcc@aol.com

"Journey" Webinar Is June 17

"Journey into the World of Invisible Invaders" is the title of a webinar featuring Susan Taylor, MT (ASCP), MS, SM, CIC, on Tuesday, June 17, beginning at 1 p.m. She has years of experience in both the micro lab and infection prevention and will be providing micro lab information in the two hour webinar. For more information, contact Vickie Taylor, RN, MSN, CIC, IQH project leader, at 601-957-1575 ext. 245, vickie.taylor@hcqis.org.

June 25 Due Date to Sign up for Community Research Training

A Community Research Fellows Training is available with hands-on experience offered in a free 16-week training program. The program offers the opportunity to learn about research fellowships and become a community research fellow. Benefits include gaining skills and tools to help improve community health; meeting leaders and researchers with similar interests in improving the health of Mississippians; and playing a role to ensure that community research projects are created for positive impact on the community. Eligibility requirements include being at least 18 years of age and living or working in Copiah, Simpson, Rankin, Madison, Hinds, Claiborne, Warren, Issaquena, Yazoo or Sharkey County. Applications are due June 25. For more information, contact Candice Green, MSDH at 601-205-1504 or email candice.green@msdh.ms.gov. The program is presented by the Mississippi State Department of Health, Office of Health Disparity Elimination and Community Partners.

WAVE Recognition for Greenwood Leflore RMC Team



Greenwood Leflore Regional Medical Center received recognition for outstanding efforts in promoting safety and stopping the spread of germs through the WAVE message of **W**ash Hands, **A**sk Questions, **V**accinate, and **E**nsure Safety. A presentation at the IQH LAN meeting in April by Allison Harris emphasized the success and enthusiasm the staff experienced in the special promotion that included contests, posters and other activities. A closing luau was planned to celebrate the program's success. "We had fun promoting the 'WAVE' message and received good reception," reported Allison. Shown are from left Nicole Palazzolo, Gloria

Boyd, Annette Irving, and Allison Harris.

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