



# HASC Briefs

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## Bacara Fun Will Balance Business



Planned Annual Meeting activities include a golf tournament at the Sandpiper Golf Club, a round robin tennis event and a wine blending symposium designed for attendee guests. (Photo: Bacara)

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**A**pril's Annual Meeting at the Bacara Resort & Spa near Santa Barbara will bring attendees and their guests a range of activities in addition to the conference agenda.

On Wednesday, April 13, the three-day meeting commences with a golf tournament at the beachside Sandpiper Golf Club. Doubles tennis takes place the following afternoon with round robin play, along with a wine blending event designed for guests of meeting participants. On Friday, April 15, all are invited to start the day with a 5 kilometer (3.1 mile) fun run and walk on the beach.

Embracing life's adventure opportunities will be speaker Alastair Humphreys' theme when the British travel writer addresses at-

tendees on Friday. Humphreys completed a multiyear bicycle journey around the world in addition to other arduous trips across the Sahara and forbidding Empty Quarter of Yemen and Oman. You won't want to miss his talk, titled, *Uber Bold: Lessons From the Road*.

Those inspired by Humphreys' energy are invited to visit Bacara's rental desk, which offers sea kayaks, mountain bikes, surfboards and other gear, and start a new adventure!

Download the [event brochure guide](#) to learn more about the 2016 HASC Annual Meeting.

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## Association Welcomes Leaders

The association welcomes the following chief executives to member hospitals. To submit executive changes to HASC Briefs, contact Vhernalyn Julve at (213) 538-0789 or [vjulve@hasc.org](mailto:vjulve@hasc.org).

Ron Galonsky is interim CEO at KPC Healthcare's Chapman Global Medical Center and South Coast Global Medical Center. He started his career as a U.S. Army infantry officer



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and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Duke University and his Master of Health Administration degree from the Medical College of Virginia.

Johnese Spisso is CEO at UCLA Hospital System, president at UCLA Health and associate vice chancellor at UCLA Health Sciences. She previously



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worked at UC Davis Medical Center as an intensive care nurse before rising through the ranks to direct critical care, trauma, burn and emergency services.

## Studies: U.S. Workers Go To Work Sick, Doctors Too

Two percent of U.S. workers, or close to 3 million employees, go to work sick each week, says a March 8 report by the Health Research and Educational Trust.

Only about half the cases could be linked to employees' lack of paid leave, the study noted. Women, low-income earners and those between 25 and 34 years of age were most likely to go to work sick.



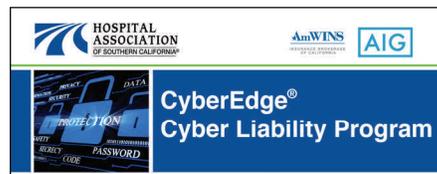
More than 83 percent of doctors and other advanced practice clinicians, however, reported working sick at least once in the past year — despite their knowledge that the practice puts patients at risk, another study, published in JAMA Pediatrics, said last summer.

## Another Cyber Security Warning Is Issued

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Healthcare and Public Health Sector's recently-released implementation guide cites a "marked increase in... exposure to cyber attacks" and calls for increased vigilance on the issue.

The guide, available by [clicking here](#), presents seven ways to increase protection and reduce the risk of cyber attacks and malware. Among the steps identified are the creation of a risk-management profile, a risk assessment and a prioritized action plan.

The guide also highlights cyber security insurance coverage to help protect hospitals and health systems. HASC's CyberEdge® program is developed specifically



for health care organizations and includes Cyber extortion coverage that provides liability protection against attacks. Primary enhancements for 2016 include improved Outsourced Provider, Wrongful Collection and System Fail-

ure offerings. Additionally, the program is now available on an excess, follow form basis via hospitals' primary insurance carriers

To learn more about CyberEdge, download the attached information sheet by [clicking here](#).

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## Labor Issues Training Attracts Attendees



Jo Zamora (left) and Douglas Hart (right) are presenters for HASC's *Winning Strategies: Responding to the New World of Union Organizing*. Zamora has longtime experience in employee and labor relations. Hart is a Los Angeles labor issues attorney. (HASC photo)

On Feb. 24, 46 HR, nurse supervisor and other professionals addressed the challenges of labor union activity at HASC's *Winning Strategies: Responding to the New World of Union Organizing* at the Quiet Cannon Conference & Event Center in Montebello.

The day-long offering was created in response to updated rules enacted by the National Labor Relations Board and ongoing union activity in Southern California hospitals. The

class taught participants how to identify points of worker dissatisfaction and to effectively communicate and negotiate inside union and non-union facilities.

February's *Winning Strategies* will be followed by subsequent sessions, which are yet to be scheduled.

An upcoming four-session Labor Academy designed for supervisors and managers will take place April through June. The Labor Academy will be presented by labor rela-

tions expert Jo Zamora and attorney Douglas Hart (who presented *Winning Strategies*) along with labor relations consultant Jill Cortis. The course will also take place at the Quiet Cannon Conference & Event Center.

A Labor Academy brochure and sign up form can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

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## SunRx Is an Endorsed Business Partner

SunRx, a HASC Endorsed Business Partner, will be in San Diego for the MedImpact 2016 Annual Conference this March 16 through 18.

To learn more about the event, please visit <https://conference.medimpact.com>.

SunRx manages 340B programs that expand access to affordable medications. The SunRx team has extensive pharmacy benefit management and payer experience. SunRx offers split billing, invoice analysis and other services to pharmacy programs.



The firm is a corporate partner with Safety Net Hospitals for Pharmaceutical Access (SNHPA) and the exclusive 340B partner with 27 hospital associations in 25 states.

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## Collaborative Holds First 2016 Event

Approximately 150 attendees from 53 hospitals gathered March 2 for the Southern California Patient Safety First (PSF) Collaborative event at the Pacific Palms Resort and Conference Center in the City of Industry.

Allison Massari, a nationally-renowned artist who is also a burn victim, was the keynote speaker. Massari spoke of her firsthand experience with the nation's health care system. In doing so, she helped Collaborative participants consider the breadth and depth that hearts and minds can reach as they deliver (or require) compassionate care.

Several staff members from the Hospital Quality

Institute (HQI) were also on the agenda to help participants connect the dots on various quality monitoring programs and resources available from CHPSO, CalHEN and CMQCC.

This is a transition year for PSF. While the organization continues to focus on sepsis management and decreasing sepsis mortality, 2016's focus is perinatal safety, including avoiding obstetric hemorrhage and decreasing C-section rates.

"Data demonstrate that while many hospitals have made great strides in these clinical initiatives, others are still not as far along in their improvement journey," said Julia Slininger, HASC VP for Quality and Patient

Safety. "We are here to help each other."

Peer-to-peer presentations and discussions are cornerstones of the collaborative framework that is emphasized in the program. With input from members in attendance, the PSF Collaborative will adopt several new measures in 2017, making sure to focus on what matters most to member hospitals.

Contact Slininger with questions, or to add a hospital to Patient Safety First at no additional cost.

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## NHF Tribute Dinner Thanks Sponsors

The National Healthcare Foundation's Tribute Dinner will be held March 29 at Vibiana in downtown Los Angeles and will honor Benjamin K. Chu, M.D., president of Kaiser Permanente's Southern California Region.

As of this week, a limited number of tickets are still available.

Organizers thank the generous sponsors who make the event possible:

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## Change Management Registration Is Now Open

Registration remains open for the Friday, May 20 Change Management education event scheduled for the California Endowment Conference Center in Los Angeles.

HASC's Change Management program helps participants plan, implement and sustain organizational change, including change resulting from process improvement, new technology, and renovation. The program can also help participants adapt during expansion and cultural integration following a merger or acquisition.



Change Management sessions are also scheduled for June 24, July 15 and Aug. 12.

To learn more, or to register, please visit [www.hasc.org/change-management-1](http://www.hasc.org/change-management-1).

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