



## HASC Launches Comparative Database Program and Operating Room Excellence Initiative

HASC's Hospital Operations and Performance Excellence (HOPE) initiative, which identifies trends affecting the safety and security of patients, visitors, employees and property to allow hospitals to maximize resources for efficient patient flow and greater patient satisfaction, announces a new comparative database tool and an initiative to help hospitals improve quality of care and reduce costs in the operating room.

HASC and iVantage Health Analytics are partnering to supply hospitals with Lodestone Data Connect®, an advanced database that allows facilities to compare their clinical and operational data with other hospitals in their region. iVantage will provide the technical platform, business integration analytics and data warehousing for the database's operations.

Lodestone Data Connect®, administered by HASC, offers hospitals a comprehensive business intelligence platform to help guide decision-making in the new post-

health care reform environment. The database integrates hospital-specific data related to workforce and departmental efficiency, clinical utilization, physician performance, quality, safety and outcomes, financial performance and sustainability, and patient, physician and employee satisfaction.

The Surgical Care and Operating Room Excellence (SCORE) Initiative is an intensive, nine-month program focused on creating operational efficiencies and enhancing the culture in perioperative services. SCORE is designed to give hospitals the practical tools and skills needed to develop and sustain effective, high-reliability processes in the OR.

Developed in association with Safer Healthcare, SCORE gives participating hospitals the ability to simultaneously improve patient safety, increase levels of quality and reduce costs. SCORE will also leverage the technology of TAG-NOS, a health care technology company, to provide continuous

visibility of a hospital's assets and patients using location-tracking and patient-flow software. This level of application intelligence allows hospitals to improve patient throughput, asset and staff utilization, and overall patient satisfaction.

Targeted improvements include:

- Reduction of adverse events and surgical site infections
- Optimization of capacity and OR room utilization
- Increased staff and physician satisfaction
- Decreases in room turnover times
- Increased on-time starts
- Reduction of supply and sterilization costs
- Standardized communication
- Improved teamwork and coordination
- Standardization of surgical practices and guidelines

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## HASC, Hospitals Salute Outstanding Health Care Professionals

Congratulations to the winners and nominees of the 6th Annual Hospital Hero Awards held November 11 at the Marriott Hotel - Downtown Los Angeles. Master of Ceremonies and ABC news reporter Rick Romero helped celebrate 42 nominees from hospitals in Los

Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Santa Barbara counties, all outstanding contributors to their facilities and communities.

The Hospital Hero Awards, produced by the National Health Foundation, is an annual media event honoring outstanding achieve-

ments and events that occur within hospitals throughout the HASC region. The event provides hospitals an opportunity to identify, recognize and reward excellence in the provision of health care at the front line. It honors health care professionals who

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## Southern California Patient Safety Colloquium Will Feature New Executive Strategies Track

Registration is currently open for HASC's fourth annual Southern California Patient Safety Colloquium, Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012 at the Doubletree Hotel Ontario Airport. The theme for the event is TRIP: Transforming Research Into Practice.

For the first time, the Colloquium will feature an Executive Strategies Track with timely topics of critical interest to CEOs and COOs, plus five other tracks with power-packed presentations addressing culture change, HAIs/HACs, surgical safety, perinatal safety and the continuum of care.

Key learning objectives include:

- Implement executive strategies to align physicians and staff around organizational priorities
- Identify culture change strategies that will Transform Research Into

Practice at your facility

- Evaluate the successes of your peer hospitals, improving surgical and perinatal safety
- Review evidence-based practices to prevent HAIs, HACs and readmissions

This year's Southern California Patient Safety Colloquium gives senior executive teams the chance to put their organization on the fast track to benchmark quality and patient safety. Keynote speaker Dr. James Reinertsen, a nationally known thought leader and consultant to health care executives, will present insights on leadership that transform culture and save lives.

The event's second keynote speaker, Dr. Chris Goeschel, will offer actionable pearls of wisdom learned from her work with Dr. Peter Pronovost of Johns Hopkins Hospital and from her own organi-

zational experiences. Dr. Goeschel will present the "must have" strategies to Transform Research Into Practice.

Registration rates are as follows:

- \$99 Group Registration (per registrant fee for 3 or more, from the same facility)
- \$125 Early Bird Registration (register by December 16)
- \$150 Registration (between December 17 and January 12)
- \$175 Walk-in Registration (after January 12)

Online registration is available at <http://www.cvent.com/events/4th-annual-scps-colloquium-trip-transforming-research-into-practice/event-summary-52a1bbc27f5e4117b0d9f15816dc8ad7.aspx>.

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## Fast Facts from Nov. 8 Southern California Patient Safety Meeting Available This Week

The *Fast Facts* document from the Nov. 8 Southern California Patient Safety Collaborative Track I meeting focusing on Hospital-Acquired Infections, Sepsis & Surgical Care Improvement Project will be available online this week at [www.hasc.org](http://www.hasc.org).

*Fast Facts*, a one-page meeting summary of highlights, is distributed after the meeting. This communication tool is designed to offer senior leaders the information shared and to provide a tool that can be used to facilitate a short debriefing with meeting attendees.

Featured topics from this meet-

ing included:

- *Reduction of health care-acquired infections using the Steiros™ Algorithm*
- *Reducing Hospital-wide HAI: An Environmental Approach*
- *Unlocking the Plan: Key Messages from HHS*

The Interactive Working Session featured *Teams Overcoming Barriers to Achieve Improvement*, and included a panel of hospitals that improved CLBSI and a panel of hospitals that improved sepsis mortality.

SCPSC meetings are presented by HASC, Health Services

Advisory Group and the National Health Foundation, and take place at Pacific Palms Conference Resort, Industry Hills.

Partners for *Patient Safety First...a California Partnership for Health* include:

- Anthem Blue Cross
- The three regional hospital associations of California: Southern California, San Diego & Imperial Counties, and Northern & Central California
- The National Health Foundation

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## HR Issues Seminar Will Focus on Top Legislative Issues

*2012 HR Issues: Are You Ready?* is an interactive one-day seminar that will present timely, critical information on issues that impact human resources within hospitals and health systems. Experts will present the most recent information on the Safe Patient Handling legislation and attendees will learn how local hospitals are responding. Hear about top labor union strategies and tactics as well as the current regulatory climate of the National Labor Relations Board. The program will also discuss Health Care Reform and the significant impact to HR

professionals beyond the changes needed to health insurance plans. HR practitioners from local hospitals will share their stories of HR excellence.

The program is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012 at the Quiet Cannon Conference Center in Montebello.

Key topics include:

- *Shifting the Culture to Prepare for Hospital-Wide Safe Patient Handling*
- *Federal Regulations, Labor and Employment Developments, and Important Issues for California*

*Hospitals*

- *Health Care Reform and the Impact on HR*
- *Panel Discussion: Best Practices – Up Close and Personal (Learn About Successful Programs / Practices in Local Hospitals)*

The early bird rate is \$190, before Jan. 6. The regular rate is \$220 for HASC member hospitals and \$320 for non-members.

To register online, visit <http://events.SignUp4.com/2012HRIssues>.

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## News and Notes

*Save the Date - PDS User Group Dec. 8*

Join the PDS User Group at 12:00 p.m. on Dec. 8 immediately following the Contract Committee Meeting at the HASC office in downtown Los Angeles.

Independent consultant Darren Magness will offer his insights for negotiating with payers. Magness has recently negotiated numerous HMO hospital contracts using the PDS information to establish rate proposals to each health plan. Participants will learn how PDS data can become one of their most important tools in increasing rates for their facility.

Leslie Gold will introduce the new PDS handbook, which will place all of the important information about PDS at your fingertips. Gold will also discuss 13 critical questions that PDS data can help you answer right now.

Visit [www.hasc.org/event/save-date-pds-user-group](http://www.hasc.org/event/save-date-pds-user-group) for more information.

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*HASC's LEAD Academy Launching Soon*

HASC's LEAD Academy is an intensive six-day, 12-module training experience using innovative tools and experiential learning to empower recently hired, newly appointed or previously untrained health care leaders to better understand and use their strengths. LEAD stands for Leadership, Engagement, Accountability, and Development.

Specific program focus areas include:

- Self-development
- Supporting the development of others
- Managing and developing a successful organization

The first session of LEAD will begin in February 2012. Watch for more details coming soon.

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*Hospital Heroes* from page 1 are dedicated to patient care and those who help to create miracles for patients. Proceeds from the event benefit the National Health Foundation.

### **2012 Hospital Hero Winners**

- Anaheim Regional Medical Center*
- Jennifer Horth, RN
- Community Memorial Hospital*
- Loquintha Rex, RN, DNP
- Desert Valley Hospital*
- Elise Allemand
- Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center Torrance*
- Marianne Ayala, RN, BSN, CHPN
- Providence St. Joseph Medical Center*
- Pam Quilliam, RN
- Riverside Community Hospital*
- Michele Martin, RN
- San Gabriel Valley Medical Center*
- Vicki Coleman, LVN
- Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital*
- Charles Alan Brown, MD - Captain, US Naval Reserves
- White Memorial Medical Center*
- Martha Preciado, MD, FACC

For a full list of nominees, and the winner's stories, go to <http://www.hasc.org/special-event/2011-hospital-hero-awards-1>.

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