

NCPS Mission: To continuously improve the safety and quality of healthcare delivery in the region.

NCPS Update: November 2023

A Message from the Executive Director

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This past month, NCPS was pleased to connect with many members and collaborators through various events including the Nebraska Hospital Association's Annual Convention and Critical Access Hospital Quality Conference, and the Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants Fall CME Conference. Our team continues to be inspired by the exceptional patient safety projects and initiatives that are happening across Nebraska and look forward to supporting our members moving into 2024.



The NCPS team has been working on transitioning our current PDF adverse report form to a web-based platform through REDCap, to enhance the efficiency for members to submit their patient safety events. We have several member hospitals that will be assisting in the pilot-testing phase of the report form, which will begin in December. NCPS looks forward to implementing the new reporting structure, which will give members real-time access to their patient safety data, featured reports and dashboards, and other relevant visualizations.

Lastly, I want to highlight a few upcoming educational opportunities that are available to members. The NCPS RCA² 3-session webinar series begins December 6th, followed by a Safe Table event January 10th, 2024. Registration information can be found [here](#). Our colleagues at the Child Health PSO are hosting a national Safe Table on December 7th at 10:00 AM CT titled, "Preventing Neonatal Harm Through Diagnostic Excellence", and all NCPS member organizations and their teams are invited to participate. If interested, please reach out to Emily Barr at embarr@unmc.edu to receive the session description, attestation form, and link. Finally, NCPS is pleased to announce that we will be hosting a Patient Safety Conference in Spring 2024. Save the date for Friday, April 26th at the Scott Conference Center in Omaha, with more details coming in the next few months.

NCPS Shared Learning Resource

This month's learning resource is a Patient Safety Alert, Preventing Light Source-Related Burns from Laparoscopy and Arthroscopy. NCPS occasionally receives reports about a

patient being burned during a procedure or surgery from the light source being used during the surgery. There are some basic actions that can be taken to minimize this potential hazard. The resource may be found on the NCPS website within the Educational Resources, Patient Safety Alert in our members only [portal](#).

Legal Update

Member organizations will be receiving an additional email this week from NCPS that includes several documents that can be used during a state survey. These include a Patient Safety Organization Member Certificate and a CMS Surveyor Confidentiality Agreement, along with further details on how to use these documents.

On October 30th, President Biden issued an Executive Order that implements a piece of the previously mentioned PCAST report and establishes a structure for Artificial Intelligence events similar to that proposed in the National Patient Safety Board legislation. Such actions mentioned include the establishment of an AI safety program in partnership with federally listed Patient Safety Organizations. The recent PCAST report stated that collected data from PSOs could be used to establish mandatory reporting to a national repository for patient safety event data. However, HHS cannot establish mandatory reporting by PSOs to a National Repository. This program must be a voluntary program because PSOs cannot be compelled to provide information to the government (42 USC 299b-22(d)(4)). We will continue to update our members as more information becomes available to us. Please reach out to Emily Barr at embarr@unmc.edu for additional questions or to discuss further.

Learning Opportunities for NCPS Members

NCPS Webinar Series: Improving Your RCA2 Process

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| December 6 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm | Identifying and Classifying Events for Review |
| | | Determining the Team and Engaging the Patient |
| December 13 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm | Finding and Mapping the Facts |
| | | Causal Statements to Facilitate Action |
| December 20 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm | Actions to Build Safer Systems |
| | | NCPS RCA Audit Tool |

Virtual Office Hours (for questions about session content or optional homework)

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| December 11 | 1:30 - 2:30pm |
| December 12 | 9:30 - 10:30am |
| December 18 | 1:30 - 2:30pm |
| December 19 | 9:30 - 10:30am |
| January 8 | 1:30 - 2:30pm |
| January 9 | 9:30 - 10:30am |

Improving Your RCA2 Process Safe Table

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| January 10 | 1:30 - 2:30pm |
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Please go to the NCPS website's [Event Calendar](#) to register for the sessions. Registering there will trigger an automated email to be sent to you which contains the correct zoom link for the

session or virtual office hours for which you registered. The Wednesday sessions will be recorded for those who have scheduling conflicts and are unable to attend the “live” sessions. CEUs will be available for persons attending the live sessions.

Patient Safety Resources

Nurse Care Management for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Treatment - The PROUD Cluster Randomized Clinical Trial

Few primary care practices treat patients with medications for opioid use disorder despite the availability of effective treatments. This objective of this trial was to assess whether implementation of the Massachusetts model of nurse care management for OUD treatment in primary care increases with buprenorphine or extended-release injectable naltrexone and secondarily decreases acute care utilization. The abstract may be found [here](#).

Reduced Post Discharge Incidents After Implementation of a Hospital-to-Home Transition Intervention for Children with Medical Complexity

The opportunity for patient harm when a patient is transitioned from hospital to home is significant (e.g., medication changes, care changes, difficulty in accessing outpatient providers). The development of a structured discharge bundle tool based on the I-PASS tool used for inpatient handoffs resulted in a decrease in the rate of incidents per discharge and a reduction in the 30-day ED visit rate. You can find the article [here](#).

The Bloody Transfusion Problem

The lack of immediate access to life saving blood products, needful for trauma patients and often the case in rural settings, is discussed in this opinion piece written by John B. Holcomb, MD, Department of Surgery, Center of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery, University of Alabama at Birmingham. This article which includes a discussion of this situation and identification of three barriers that must be overcome to remedy it may be found [here](#).

For more information about NCPS and the services we offer, please contact Carla Snyder MT(ASCP)SBB, MHA, Patient Safety Program Director at: carlasnyder@unmc.edu

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