



Children's Hospitals'  
Solutions for  
**Patient Safety**  
Every patient. Every day.

# SPOTLIGHT ON **Safety**

## Fall 2014

### Upcoming Events

 **SPS Fall National Learning Session**  
September 30 - October 1, 2014  
Nashville, TN  
*The journey to becoming high reliability organizations, closing gaps, and getting to zero harm*

**Leading Toward Zero Harm, The Critical Role of the Board**  
November 4, 2014  
Cincinnati, OH  
*C-suite and board members gain expertise on key safety topics*

**HPI Safety Summit**  
November 4 - 6, 2014  
Cincinnati, OH  
*Getting to the Heart of the Matter: Putting a Face on Safety*

**Spread the pediatric patient safety message!**  
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## Welcome to the Inaugural Edition of *Spotlight: A Message from SPS Leaders*



Welcome to the inaugural edition of our quarterly SPS newsletter - *Spotlight on Safety*. *Spotlight* has been created to spread our critically important mission: working together to eliminate serious harm across all children's hospitals in the United States.



Each edition will showcase insights about our work from network hospitals, connect you with resources and tools, and also give SPS network hospitals the opportunity to share about their participation in SPS's work with colleagues throughout their hospitals and the healthcare community in general.

This newsletter is meant to be spread. Click on the "forward to a friend" button (see link in footer below) to share it with anyone you feel would benefit from reading about SPS and the critical work we are doing to improve safety in our institutions and save children's lives.

Please note that anything with a small lock symbol will be accessible by SPS network hospitals only and housed on our SharePoint site for confidentiality purposes.

If you have questions about information contained in *Spotlight* or suggestions for future features, please contact us at [ochsps@cchmc.org](mailto:ochsps@cchmc.org).

Keep 'em safe,  
*Steve Muething and Anne Lyren*

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## Collective Action to Save Lives: SPS National Learning Session Held in June

By banding together as a network of children's hospitals across the nation; putting aside competition; and openly sharing best practices, lessons learned, and new ideas, we can all achieve [our goals](#) faster and save more lives. This is exactly what happened on June 16-17, 2014, in Indianapolis at the SPS National Learning Session, *On the Journey Toward Zero Harm*. More than 350 participants from 72 SPS network hospitals came together for two days of face-to-face relationship building, teaching, and learning. [Learn more](#)



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## Measured, Steady Approach Key to Cohen Children's Progress in Preventing CLABSI

When it comes to making progress in some of the more challenging [hospital-acquired conditions](#) (HACs) SPS is working to prevent, everything comes back to the fundamental SPS theory of change - using quality improvement methods such as PDSA cycles; sharing what we learn with each other; and adopting, measuring, and increasing reliability to the [SPS Prevention Bundles](#) to lower rates of harm. Cohen Children's Medical Center has seen marked improvement in preventing central line associated blood stream infections (CLABSI) in their institution by using this theory of change and applying it to their specific institutional needs. [Learn more](#)

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## Cook Children's Promise Island Proves Promising

Healthcare is a human-based system where people - not machines - do most of the important work. It might be impossible to eliminate human error, but by employing systems thinking to understand human performance within our hospitals, we can prevent events of harm. All children's hospitals can become high reliability organizations, delivering healing without harm each and every time by equipping people in a hospital system with behavior-based tools and techniques.

More than 80 SPS children's hospitals are striving to create a culture of safety in their institutions and eliminate harm by implementing error prevention techniques - such as the STAR technique (Stop, Think, Act, Review) to develop strong self-checking habits - in their hospitals. Some hospitals have developed innovative and creative ways to spread these techniques to their hospital staff. [Learn more](#)



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## Hospitals of the Month - 2013 & 2014

As the inaugural issue of *Spotlight*, we wanted to look back and recognize all SPS hospitals that have been recognize as a Hospital of the Month over the past two years. Congratulations for your outstanding work in pediatric patient safety!

### 2014

Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC  
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center  
Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt (Nashville)  
Children's Hospital Colorado  
Covenant Children's

### 2013

Cleveland Clinic Children's  
Hasbro Children's Hospital at Rhode Island Hospital  
Cook Children's Health Care System  
Le Bonheur Children's Hospital  
Brenner Children's Hospital Wake Forest Baptist Health  
Children's Hospital - New Orleans  
Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC  
Covenant Children's  
Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital  
Children's Hospital & Medical Center  
Cohen Children's Medical Center of NY  
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)