

SPS Physician Spotlight

A communication targeted to physicians in the SPS Network



Please distribute to all physicians in your organization.

Dear SPS Physicians,

Dr. Rahul Shah, Vice President, Chief Quality and Safety Officer, Children's National Medical Center, shared his thoughts about **the physicians' role in driving engagement on a safety survey**. We encourage you to listen to his 6-minute podcast by clicking the link on the right.

Dr. Shah shared how his hospital used a safety attitude questionnaire to drive physician engagement. Dr. Shah highlighted the importance of line item authority of physicians, understanding the data, and executive engagement and accountability. His hope is that this podcast will help you move a little closer to engaging physicians in safety culture surveys.

ZERO IS POSSIBLE

It's our privilege to recognize Helen DeVos Children's Hospital (HDVCH) in achieving 365 days CAUTI free. This achievement was not a coincidence. This work was a comprehensive effort to integrate Patient Safety, Quality Improvement, Infection Prevention, CNSs, and Educators closely with Operations and Providers. Dr. Leslie Jurecko, Medical Director for Quality and Safety at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, highlighted, "You can't do this work without the engagement of your hospital's physicians." The HDVCH Catheter Assessment Team (CAT Team) led physician-to-physician rounding every day for the past year, which has resulted in a decrease in catheter utilization by 50%. Additionally, a number of the hospital's leaders are physicians who still practice. According to Dr. Jurecko, "Having leaders who are actively practicing, rounding, and talking about CAUTI prevention speaks volumes to the staff." Congratulations, Helen DeVos Children's Hospital! Zero is possible!

"As physicians, we are leaders of our healthcare teams, and our patients and families expect us to keep them safe. Our engagement in the SPS Network is critical because we are the ones who direct the care of our patients, and we offer a crucial perspective that is needed in order to be successful in reducing harm." – Dr. Michele Saysana, Medical Director of Quality and Safety, Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health and SPS Clinical Steering Team Member

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Keep 'em safe,
Anne & Trey



CLICK ON THE IMAGE ABOVE TO LISTEN TO THE PODCAST, "THE PHYSICIANS' ROLE IN DRIVING ENGAGEMENT ON A SAFETY SURVEY," WITH DR. RAHUL SHAH

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March 2017 Podcast

[Click here](#) to listen to March's podcast, "The Physicians' Role in Reporting Near Miss and Adverse Events."