

## SPS Physician Spotlight

A communication targeted to physicians in the SPS Network



Dear SPS Physicians [Please distribute to all physicians in your organization.],

Dr. Joan Shook shared with us [the critical role of physician engagement in our SPS Network](#) as well as at her hospital, Texas Children's Hospital. We encourage you to listen to her 4-minute podcast by clicking the link on the right.

Dr. Shook discussed how the role of the physician at her institution has evolved over time as her institution's involvement in SPS has changed. Physicians are now teaching physicians and engaging them in the very important work of safety.

Texas Children's Hospital has made tremendous progress in patient safety. Dr. Shook highlighted that her hospital absolutely could not have done this without the engagement of the medical staff at her hospital.

### SSI PUBLICATION IN PEDIATRICS

We are pleased to share with you our networks' recent SSI publication, "Surgical Site Infection Reduction by the Solutions for Patient Safety Hospital Engagement Network." This publication, which was published in *Pediatrics*, highlights our SPS SSI Prevention Bundle. The publication shows how adoption of a SSI prevention bundle with concomitant reliability measurement reduced our network's SSI rate and how linking reliability measurement to standardization at an institutional level may lead to safer care. We encourage you to read this publication by [clicking here](#).

### SPS IS GETTING RESULTS!

Through implementation of our network's best practices, children are being protected from harm. Since 2012, our national effort has saved 6,686 children from serious harm and led to an estimated saving of more than \$121 million, with a consistent upward trend in harm prevented every month (as of May 2016). [Click here](#) to see our network's pediatric HAC rate charts that are publically shared on our SPS website.

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Dr. Joan Shook is the Chief Safety Officer and Deputy Chief Quality Officer at Texas Children's Hospital. She is a pediatric emergency physician and spends 80% of her time in hospital-based activities, 60% of that is focused on quality and safety. Dr. Shook sits on the American Board of Pediatrics and has been the Chair of the Committee on American Pediatric Emergency Medicine at the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Keep 'em safe,  
Steve & Anne

