

SPS Physician Spotlight

A communication targeted to physicians in the SPS Network



Please distribute to all physicians in your organization.

Dear SPS Physicians,

Dr. Char Witmer, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, shared with us how her collaboration with non-physicians, specifically nursing and informatics, has played a large role in her hospital's efforts to prevent venous thromboembolism (VTE) in hospitalized pediatric patients. We encourage you to listen to her incredible 5-minute podcast by clicking the link on the right.

On the podcast, Dr. Witmer shared how her team's collaboration with nursing and informatics resulted in significant changes to her hospital's electronic health record (EHR) as it pertained to VTE prevention. Just one month after implementing these changes, her team's VTE bundle adherence increased from 25% to 75% and this has been sustained over time. This initial success is a true testament to the successful interdisciplinary collaboration within her group.

SPS MANUSCRIPT IN *PEDIATRICS*

We are pleased to announce that our manuscript, "**Children's Hospitals' Solutions for Patient Safety Collaborative Impact on Hospital-Acquired Harm,**" has been published in the latest issue of *PEDIATRICS*! The manuscript recognizes the transformational change that has been brought about by our network. We are so proud of our network's progress. [Click here](#) to read the manuscript.

RESULTS ON THE SPS WEBSITE

From the start, our SPS Network has been built on the fundamental belief that by sharing successes and failures transparently and learning from one another, children's hospitals can achieve their goals more effectively and quickly than working alone. We are thrilled to share that our "Serious Harm Event Rate and Number of Children Spared Harm Across 7 HACs" Chart is now on our external website ([click here](#))!

If you are interested in signing up to receive this newsletter from us directly, please send an email request to ochsps@cchmc.org.

Keep 'em safe,
Anne & Trey



CLICK ON THE IMAGE ABOVE TO LISTEN TO THE PODCAST, "**COLLABORATION IS KEY: PHYSICIANS JOINING FORCES TO PREVENT HARM,**" WITH DR. CHAR WITMER.

DR. CHAR WITMER



Dr. Char Witmer is a pediatric hematologist and clinical researcher at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She has a clinical and research interest in pediatric hemostasis and thrombosis. She is the physician co-leader for her hospital's VTE prevention work and is one of the SPS co-leaders for our VTE prevention effort.

July 2017 Podcast

[Click here](#) to listen to July's podcast, "**The Physicians' Role in Rapid Response Teams.**"