



# Hospital Patient Safety News

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## Welcome to the Winter 2010 issue of IPRO's *Hospital Patient Safety News*.

In this issue we present updates on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) 9th Scope of Work (SOW) Patient Safety Initiative Projects, upcoming events, articles of interest and educational resources.

If you have a best practice or a resource that you would like for us to feature in a future issue, please forward your information to Eloise Tate at [etate@nyqio.sdps.org](mailto:etate@nyqio.sdps.org).

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### IPRO's Patient Safety Initiative Projects

#### **MRSA Project:**

Reducing rates of health care-associated Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) infections;

#### **Surgical Care Improvement/Heart Failure (HF) Project (SCIP):**

Improving inpatient surgical safety and heart failure treatment;

#### **Pressure Ulcer Project:**

Working collaboratively with local nursing homes to reduce the incidence of pressure ulcers in high-risk patients; and

#### **Medication Safety:**

Reducing the prevalence of prescribing potentially inappropriate drugs with anticholinergic properties to seniors and improving the quality of warfarin management.

## **MRSA Project**

### **SAVE THE DATES:**

#### **Regional Learning Sessions featuring Dr. Koll and Dr. Calfee**

To assist facilities in their effort to eradicate MRSA, IPRO's MRSA Project Team is hosting regional meetings as follows:

**April 21<sup>st</sup> - Rochester, NY**

**April 27<sup>th</sup> - Albany, NY**

**May 4<sup>th</sup> - New York, NY**

**May 6<sup>th</sup> - Lake Success, NY**

These meetings will feature national Infection Prevention leaders, Dr. Brian S. Koll and Dr. David P. Calfee. Dr. Koll will be discussing "Managing the Transmission of MRSA: Updates on Recommendations and Guidelines;" Dr. Calfee will present "Overview of Decolonization from MDROs: A Two-sided Story."

Also included will be presentations by regional leaders on "Infection Prevention with Environmental Services" and "Experiences with TeamSTEPPS Implementation." Attendees will have the opportunity to share challenges, successes and best practices. CME and CEU will be offered.

Announcements about registration will be sent out to all hospitals in New York; however; hospitals participating in the MRSA Project will be given first-priority when registering for this event. Space will be limited. For additional information, please contact Esmeralda Guzman, Performance Improvement Coordinator at 516-209-5589 or [eguzman@nygio.sdps.org](mailto:eguzman@nygio.sdps.org).

## **Surgical Care Improvement/Heart Failure (HF) Project (SCIP)**

A report released by Consumers Union found that hospitals across the nation have made progress following certain surgical infection prevention practices focusing on surgical antibiotics. Several state comparisons are available in the report. The report entitled "Cutting Surgical Infections" also provides a breakdown of states with the highest and lowest compliance rates with SCIP performance measures relating to timeliness, appropriate selection and discontinuance of prophylactic antibiotics. While New York is not included among those states with the lowest compliance, the fact that it is not included with the states having the highest rates indicates that we have more work to do as a state in this area of patient safety. To access the report, please visit [http://www.safepatientproject.org/cutting\\_surgical\\_infection.pdf](http://www.safepatientproject.org/cutting_surgical_infection.pdf)

## **Pressure Ulcer Project**

### **CMS Hospital Pressure Ulcer Project Concludes**

On Thursday, January 7, 2010, CMS announced that the goals for the nationwide hospital Pressure Ulcer Project under the 9th SOW contract had already been met and that the project would be discontinued effective January 31, 2010. As a result of the hard work completed during this 18-month project, hospitals across the country successfully improved pressure ulcer care protocols. Overall rates of hospital-acquired pressure ulcers remain relatively low across the nation. Hospitals are to be commended for their work relating to pressure ulcers and are encouraged to continue monitoring their prevalence rates, documenting present on admission conditions, and working with their area nursing homes to ensure appropriate documentation is provided during patient transfer.

IPRO will continue to supply hospitals with the Skin Savers Brochure (available in English and Spanish) until the supply is depleted. If you would like additional copies, please contact Eloise Tate, Administrative Assistant at (516) 209-5410. In addition, we have samples of forms, policies, data collection tools, and many others supplied to us by various hospitals. If you have an interest in a particular form, or have any questions pertaining to the Hospital Pressure Ulcer Project, please contact Bill Gardiner at (518) 426.3305 or [wgardiner@nygio.sdps.org](mailto:wgardiner@nygio.sdps.org).

## Patient Safety Awareness Week

March 7–13th is the National Patient Safety Foundation’s Patient Safety Awareness Week (PSAW). PSAW is a national campaign centered on improving patient safety at local levels. Hospitals and other healthcare organizations across the country are encouraged to plan events that promote patient safety within their own organizations. Activities should include educating patients about how they can become more involved in their own healthcare, as well as working with hospitals to build partnerships with their patient community. More information and a tool kit can be found on the National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF) website at <http://www.npsf.org/hp/psaw/>



## Educational Resource

### WoundSite.info

Supervised by an international medical scientific review board with members from different medical specialties, Woundsite.info provides a venue to share recent lectures on various aspects of wound management with healthcare professionals. International clinical experts from various disciplines discuss topics that relate to wound prevention, treatment and various related issues.

Please visit WoundSite.info to access recent and archived podcasts which include discussions a variety of topics including:

- “Reaching for the Moon: Achieving Zero Pressure Ulcer Prevalence”;
- “The Impact of Pressure Ulcers Prevention on Hospital Budgets”; and
- “International Pressure Ulcer Guidelines on Performing Prevalence and Incidence Studies.”

## Reference Materials

### International Pressure Ulcer Guidelines Released

The European and US National Pressure Ulcer Advisory panels (EPUAP and NPUAP respectively) are proud to announce the release of their International Pressure Ulcer Guidelines.

The quick reference versions of both the pressure ulcer prevention and pressure ulcer treatment guidelines are freely available on the EPUAP website.

The full clinical practice guidelines will be available for purchase through the NPUAP website at

[www.npuap.org](http://www.npuap.org)

Printed copies of the quick reference versions of the two guidelines can also be purchased through

[www.npuap.org](http://www.npuap.org)

Download the [Pressure Ulcer Prevention Quick Reference Guide \(updated 07/01/2010\)](#)

- Download the [Pressure Ulcer Treatment Quick Reference Guide \(updated 08/12/2009\)](#)
- Download the [Pressure Ulcer Prevention Quick Reference Guide Spanish Translation version.](#)
- Download the [Pressure Ulcer Prevention Quick Reference Guide Hebrew Translation version.](#)

## Hospital Surveys

I PRO would like to thank all of the hospitals that took the AHRQ Patient Safety Culture and HLQAT Hospital Leadership Surveys in 2009. CMS requires that Quality Improvement Organizations offer these surveys to hospitals participating in specific projects during the 9th SOW. Both of these surveys will be offered again in 2010, with results from 2009 serving as a baseline for the 2010 remeasurement. Individual survey results are not shared with CMS; however, individual reports based have been sent to the hospitals that participated in the surveys. If you would like to receive a copy of your hospital's report or have any questions please contact Karline Roberts at [kroberts@nyqio.sdps.org](mailto:kroberts@nyqio.sdps.org).

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