

# Handoffs and Transitions Learning Network

## Recent Articles & Resources on Handoffs and Medication Reconciliation

### Handoffs

#### **Patient Handover from Surgery to Intensive Care: Using Formula 1 Pit-stop and Aviation Models to Improve Safety and Quality**

Catchpole KR, de Leval MR, McEwan A, et al.

Paediatr Anaesth. 2007;17:470-478.

<http://psnet.ahrq.gov/resource.aspx?resourceID=5355>

#### **Transitioning Patients from the ED to the Hospital: Observations of Handoff Communication**

Christopher Beach, John Vozenilek, Mark Adler and Sarah Donlan

*Acad Emerg Med* Volume 14, 5 Supplement 1 205-206, May 2007

[http://www.aemj.org/cgi/content/full/14/5\\_Supplement\\_1/S205-b](http://www.aemj.org/cgi/content/full/14/5_Supplement_1/S205-b)

#### **Enhancing Patient Safety: Improving the Patient Handoff Process through Appreciative Inquiry**

Shendell-Falik, Nancy MA, RN; Feinson, Michael MBA; Mohr, Bernard J. EdM

*Journal of Nursing Administration*. 37(2):95-104, February 2007.

Patient transfers from one care giver to another are an area of high safety consequence, as is evident by many studies and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization's Patient Safety Goals. The authors describe how one hospital made measurable improvements in a patient handoff process by using an unconventional approach to change called appreciative inquiry. Rather than identifying the root causes of ineffective handoffs, appreciative inquiry was used to engage staff in identifying and building on their most effective handoff experiences.

#### **Perioperative Patient 'Hand-Off' Tool Kit**

AORN and the U.S. Department of Defense Patient Safety Program collaboratively developed a new Web-based tool kit that provides the resources to guide perioperative professionals in standardizing hand-off communications among caregivers. The tool kit, based on the Department of Defense Patient Safety Program TeamSTEPPSTM initiative, will help develop consistency in communications needed for effective patient care. The AORN Patient Hand-Off Tool Kit includes supporting research for evidence-based recommendations on perioperative patient hand offs, sample checklists and forms, PowerPoint presentations on standardizing communication and information exchanges in perioperative practice, and an annotated guide to additional resources. Download the tool kit components free of charge at:

<http://www.aorn.org/toolkit/patienthandoff/>

#### **Deficits in Communication and Information Transfer Between Hospital-Based and Primary Care Physicians: Implications for Patient Safety and Continuity of Care**

Sunil Kripalani, MD, MSc; Frank LeFevre, MD; Christopher O. Phillips, MD, MPH; Mark V.

Williams, MD; Preetha Basaviah, MD; David W. Baker, MD, MPH

*JAMA*. 2007;297:831-841.

<http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/short/297/8/831>

## **Clinical Communication and Patient Safety**

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[http://www.hhnmag.com/hhnmag\\_app/jsp/articledisplay.jsp?dcrpath=HHNMAG/PubsNewsArticle/data/2006August/0608HHN\\_gatefold&domain=HHNMAG](http://www.hhnmag.com/hhnmag_app/jsp/articledisplay.jsp?dcrpath=HHNMAG/PubsNewsArticle/data/2006August/0608HHN_gatefold&domain=HHNMAG)

## **Medication Reconciliation**

### **A Systematic Review of the Performance Characteristics of Clinical Event Monitor Signals used to Detect Adverse Drug Events in the Hospital Setting**

Handler SM, Altman RL, Perera S, et al. J Am Med Inform Assoc. 2007 Apr 25; [Epub ahead of print].

<http://psnet.ahrq.gov/resource.aspx?resourceID=5342>

### **Multidisciplinary Approach to Inpatient Medication Reconciliation in an Academic Setting**

Prathibha Varkey; Julie Cunningham; John O'Meara; Robert Bonacci; Nima Desai; Robert Sheeler

Am J Health-Syst Pharm. 2007;64(8):850-854.

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/555987>

### **Department of Defense Patient Safety Program Medication Reconciliation Toolkit**

Guide, Provider Materials, Patient Materials and more available at:

<http://dodpatientsafety.usuhs.mil/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=451>