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Medication Safety Series

Raising the Bar: Getting to the Next Level in Medication Safety

Have We Built a Safer Health System? The Current State of Medication Safety Practices from the ISMP Medication Safety Self Assessment and ASHP National Surveys

ISMP and ASHP conduct regular surveys of hospital practices both in pharmacy and related to medication safety practices. The researchers and well-known faculty will compare and contrast the scope, methods, and results of both the ASHP and ISMP surveys. Participants will be able to identify relevant past and current practices where progress has been made and areas where improvement is needed as we continue our journey towards a safe and effective health system. This session lays the groundwork for a week-long medication safety series at the Summer Meeting.

Just Culture: Beyond the Metaphors

Medication safety efforts are a priority in our health systems; however, due to an organization's culture, we often resort to the same processes and systems that are reactive and punitive. Expert David Marx shares techniques to reframe your organization to develop a just culture.

Just Culture: Putting It into Practice

Successfully implementing just culture requires an ongoing organizational commitment. Work through your institution's obstacles at achieving just culture from those who have accomplished it. Move up to the next level of medication safety in this session by understanding the pitfalls and how to overcome them.

So Little Time: Prioritizing Your Medication Safety Efforts

Leaders in medication safety get pulled in so many directions. Many aspects of the medication use process have a safety dimension, and can be made a medication safety action. How do you prioritize your efforts to achieve the most improvement with your limited time and resources? Identify a framework to prioritize your work to truly transform your hospital's medication use process.

Anticoagulation Stewardship — Improving Patient Care Across a Health-System

ASHP Research and Education Foundation Award for Excellence in Medication-Use Safety

Learn strategies to standardize practice that improves patient care. You know the "whys" for standardizing. This session will focus on how a pharmacist-led anticoagulation stewardship program developed and implemented standardized protocols for warfarin management and venous thromboembolism prophylaxis. Learn how you can implement anticoagulation initiatives in your own institutions to improve care across your health system.

Paths to Safety: Developing Multiple Methods for Event Detection

The idea of moving beyond simple self-reporting of errors to a more sophisticated program is not new, but obtaining and using multiple types of data can be challenging. Bring back to your hospital strategies to develop an entire suite of event detection methods: trigger tools, direct observation, analysis of informatics, and more.

Best Practices in Medication Safety: Leading a Meaningful Event Investigation

Often event investigations don't get at the heart of the problems. Leading an event investigation looks and feels different when guided with an open, fair, and learning perspective. Participants will work with experts to develop new strategies to effectively conduct an event investigation and equip others to be involved in the process.

We Should Opt to Optimize: Strategies to Enhance Safety of Medication Use Technologies

With the rapid implementation of medication-use technologies, many organizations strategically plan for the implementation and maintenance phases of these projects. Additional attention is needed to improve new and existing technologies to maximize their patient safety value. This session, a collaboration of the Medication Safety and Informatics Series, offers tangible strategies to optimize safety principles within medication use technology and automation systems.

Accountability of Pharmacists in the Partnership for Patients

Institutions and practitioners are faced with opportunities and challenges to improve the quality of healthcare. There are several national initiatives to improve quality and safety. This session will highlight the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation - Partnership for Patients and ASHP member's efforts to support this national initiative.