# HQIC Community of Practice Call

Patient Safety Culture and Leadership: Reducing All Cause Harm and Achieving a Five-Star Rating

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## Introduction



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## Welcome!



## Agenda

- Introduction
- Today's topic
  - Patient Safety Culture and Leadership: Reducing All Cause Harm and Achieving a Five-Star Rating

#### **Presenters:**

- Charisse Coulombe
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   Iowa Healthcare Collaborative
- Zachary Johnson
   Director of Risk, Compliance & Quality
   Memorial Regional Health
- George Harrison, Chief Medical Officer
   Tamara NeSmith, Vice President Quality
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#### Panelist Facilitator:

- Lynda Martin
   Senior Director Patient Safety
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- Open discussion
- Closing remarks



## As You Listen, Ponder...

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## Meet Your Speakers and Panelist Facilitator



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## Patient Safety Culture and Leadership: Reducing All Cause Harm and Achieving a Five-Star Rating

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## Preventing All Cause Harm

- Significant numbers of patients admitted to United States hospitals experience some form of harm during their hospital stay.
- Studies demonstrate that the percentage of patients harmed is much larger than
  previously reported in the Institute of Medicine (IOM) report *To Err Is Human:*Building a Safer Health System, which estimated that 44,000 to 98,000 people
  died in hospitals every year as a result of preventable medical errors.
- In 2013, James suggested that preventable harm may lead to as many as 440,000 deaths and more than 6 million injuries per year

#### References

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James JT. A new evidence based estimate of patient harms associated with hospital care. Journal Patient Safety 2013; 9:122-128

https://oig.hhs.gov/oei/reports/oei-06-09-00090.pdf (PDF)













## Adopting a Patient Safety Culture



#### Reference:

https://www.ahrq.gov/sops/about/patient-safety-culture.html (Link)











## Background for Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Care Compare/Star Ratings

- CMS came up with a way for consumers/patients/families to determine how the quality of care was being provided at their facility.
- Previously, hospitals were rated on a CMS website called Hospital Compare. Nursing Homes were rated on a CMS website called Nursing Home Compare. Physicians were rated on a CMS website called Physician Compare.
- CMS created the Care Compare website to make the information for hospitals, nursing homes and physicians easier for the consumer/patients/families to access and compare.

#### References:

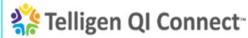
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## Background

- In 2016, CMS released the first Care Compare website and methodology, making it easier for consumers to compare hospitals and interpret complex quality information.
- In 2020, CMS updated the Hospital Overall Quality Star Ratings methodology with the goal of making hospital ratings more transparent, equitable, stable and predictable.
- In July 2022, CMS released updated Hospital Overall Quality Star Ratings.

#### References:

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## Background

- The Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating summarizes a variety of measures across five areas of quality into a single star rating for each hospital.
- Once reporting thresholds are met, a hospital's Overall Star Rating is calculated using only those measures for which data are available. Hospitals report data to CMS through the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program, Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting (OQR) Program, Hospital Readmission Reduction Program (HRRP), Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program and Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program.
- Overall Star Ratings aren't calculated for Veterans Health Administration (VHA) or Department of Defense (DoD) hospitals.

Reference: https://data.cms.gov/provider-data/topics/hospitals/overall-hospital-quality-star-rating













## Five Areas of Quality

Measure Group	Number of measures in calculation	Weight used in calculation		
Mortality (e.g. Death rate for pneumonia patients)	7	22%		
Safety of Care (e.g. Central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI))	8	22%		
Readmissions (e.g. Rate of readmission after hip/knee surgery)	11	22%		
Patient Experience (e.g. Patients who reported that they received help as soon as they wanted)	8	22%		
Timely and Effective Care (e.g. Percentage of patients who left the emergency department before being seen)	13	12%		

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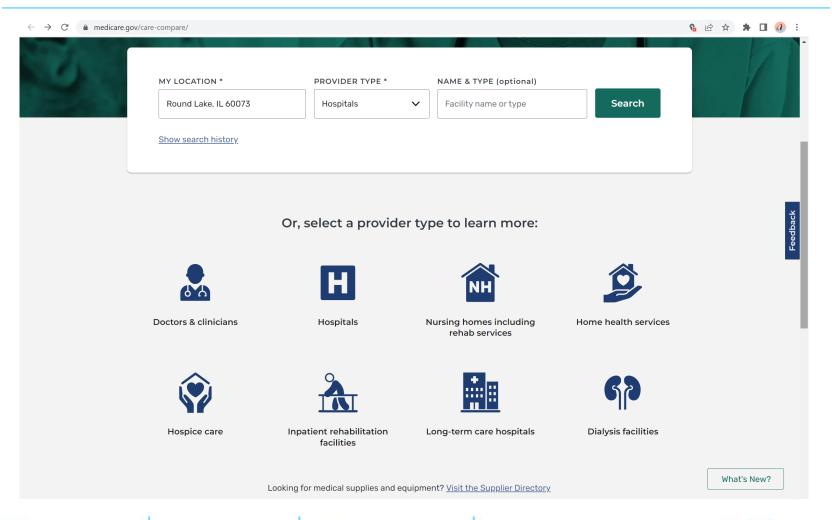








## Care Compare in Action







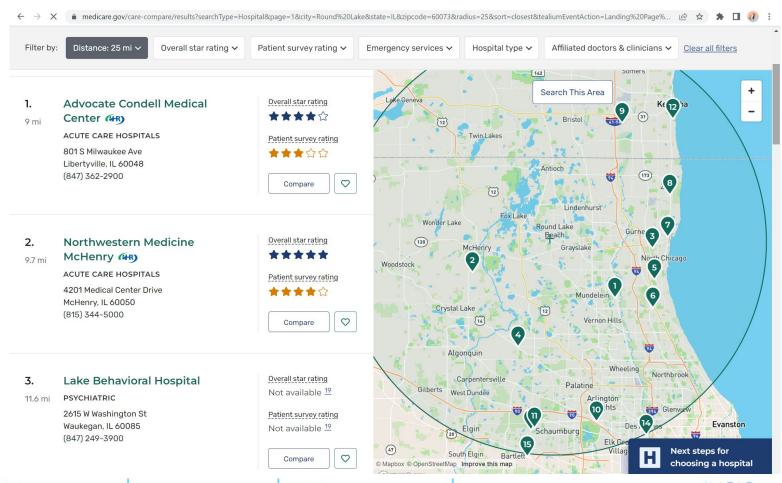








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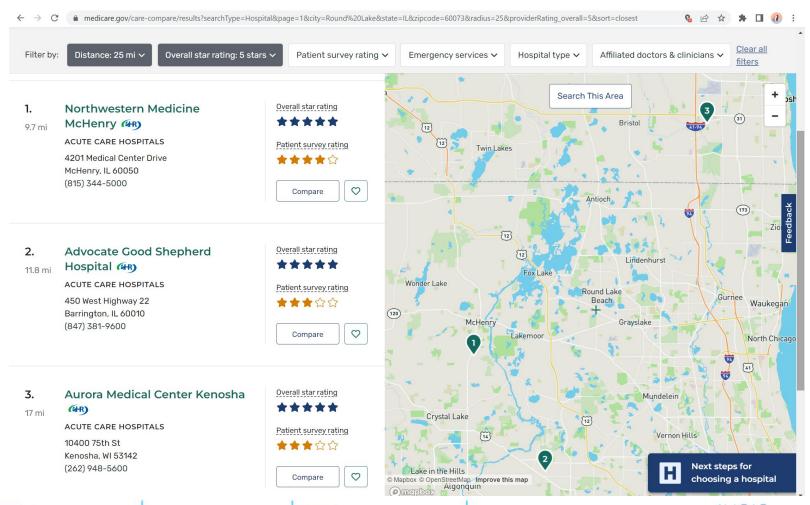








## Care Compare in Action















## **National Distribution of Overall Star Ratings**

Overall rating	Number of hospitals (N=4,586, %)
1 star	198 (6.34%)
2 stars	702 (22.49%)
3 stars	895 (28.68%)
4 stars	895 (28.68%)
5 stars	431 (13.81%)
N/A	1,368 (30.47%)

Updated July 2022

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## Summary

- This presentation will showcase how a hospital embedded their patient safety culture across departments and created their quality dashboard that mirrors dimensions of the CMS Hospital 5 Star Ratings.
- In addition, a hospital group will discuss how their hospital reached a CMS Hospital 5 Star Rating based on safety across the board, daily leadership huddles and driving accountability.
- A panel discussion will be held at the end of our time together to answer any questions you may have.









## Journey to Becoming a Four -Star Hospital

Zachary Johnson, BSEP, MSPT, MBA Memorial Regional Health Craig, CO









## Memorial Regional Health

- Located in Craig, Colorado
- 25-bed Critical Access Hospital
- Services provided
  - Inpatient/Emergency
  - Multi-specialty clinic
  - Rehabilitation
  - Primary care
  - Skilled nursing





#### Goals

- Prevent hospital acquired infections and injuries
- Prevent hospital readmissions
- Increase HCAHPs scores and patient satisfaction
- Improve CMS Quality Rating- Become a four-star hospital!
  - Four-star quality rating requirements







#### MRHs look into Readmissions

- 2019 Readmissions were at 18.1%; goal of reducing 2.5% in 2020 (15.6%)
  - We tasked Utilization Review to discuss all readmissions
  - We asked Pop Health if they could assist with frequent users of ED and Hospital
- 2020 Goal 15.6%; we were at 15.9%; discussion for 2021 = decrease by 1.0%
- 2021 Goal 15.5%; we were at 15.7%; discussion for 2022 = decrease by 0.5%
- 2022 Goal 15.0%; we were at 14.8%; we are discussing our goal for 2023 now
  - Considering decreasing by 0.5%
- 2023 Goal 14.3%...

### Strategy

- Implement quality dashboard
  - Updated quarterly
  - Analyze data to determine interventions (ex. Patient satisfaction rounding conducted 5 days/wk to improve HCAHPs scores)
  - Share dashboard and progress with executive leadership and frontline staff
- Current progress
  - Limited data
  - Achieving hospital goals for patient safety and satisfaction, consistent with four-star rating

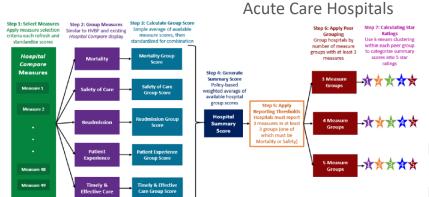


## **Quality Dashboard**

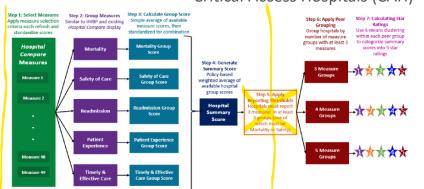
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As of: 10/25/2022	<b>☆☆☆●</b>			Below Benchmark	Met Benchmark		Above Benchmark		
		Qualit	Quality & Performance Improvement						
Claims-based Data Updated annually	Currently Reported through	2022							Responsible for reporting
Readmission Data	12/1/2020	1st qtr	2nd qtr	3rd qtr	4th qtr	Benchmark	C	Goal	
30 day Readmission Heart Failure		Number of cases too small			21.9%	US		ı	
30 day Readmission Pneumonia		Number of cases too small				16.7%	US	1	
30 day Readmission COPD			19.3%*			19.8%	US	1	
30 day Readmission Hospital			14.8%			15.0%	US	1	



## Suggestion



Critical Access Hospitals (CAH)



Insert Step 1: Separate CAHs and Acute care hospitals

Remove or reduce the minimum reporting thresholds for CAHs.

- Minimum of three measures from at least three Group Measures
- Minimum reporting threshold for Infection data

\*\*\* Allow the consumer to compare Acute Care Hospitals with similarly resourced Acute Care Hospitals and CAHs with similarly resourced CAHs \*\*\*



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## Fairview Park Hospital

- Fairview Park Hospital is a 190-bed, acute care facility located in Dublin, GA
- Received Five Star Rating from CMS in 2022
- Named a Top Rural Hospital nationally by The Leapfrog Group in 2021
- Dublin, GA is known for their annual St. Patrick's festival







## 2018.....Our History

- CMS Successful Measures
  - Mortality and Complications
  - Readmissions
  - Care Experience (HCAHPS)
  - Timely and Effective Care
- CMS Unsuccessful Measure
  - Safety of Care





## 2018.....Our History

- Ineffective Quality Program
  - Disconnect between Quality Department and front line staff
  - Poor quality evaluation processes
  - Quality agenda was not chiefly communicated or prioritized
- Several Patient Safety Occurrences
  - Sentinel events
  - Serious adverse events
  - High patient fall rates
- Multiple HAI's occurred
  - C. diff
  - CLABSI
  - CAUTI





## Our Approach to Excellence

- Reorganization of the Quality Department
  - VP Quality
  - Infection Prevention Director
  - Quality Director
  - Patient Safety Director
- Initiation of Daily Executive Safety Stand-up
- Patient Safety Initiatives
  - Sentinel Event Analysis/RCA's
  - Accountability
  - Patient Fall Programs







## Our Approach to Excellence

- Formulated Sound and Measurable Quality Process
  - Aim for Zero Committee
  - Line Management Program
    - Vascular Access Team initiated
    - Bard assessment and teaching
    - De-escalation protocols
    - Cap/scrub the hub
    - Blood culture stewardship
    - Daily tracking with report out in Safety Stand-up and shift huddle reports





## Our Approach to Excellence

## Foley Catheter Management Program

- Bard assessment and education
- Nurse-driven Foley protocol (auto-default)
- Two-person Foley catheter insertion process and technique
- Removed routine Foley placement in the Emergency Department
- Urinalysis with Reflex Urine Culture (strict criteria)
- Urine catheter change-out protocol
- Daily facility tracking with report in Safety Standup

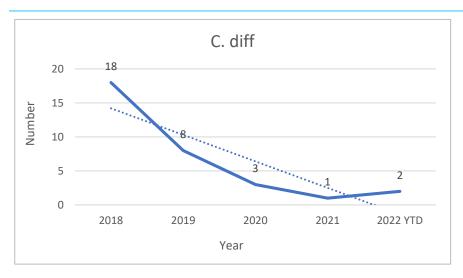
#### C-Diff Protocol Restructured

- Ticket to Ride
- IP notified of all C-diff orders
- Bristol stool scale reintroduced
- Physician education and discussions regarding order appropriateness
- Staff and lab buy in for success





## **Our Results**



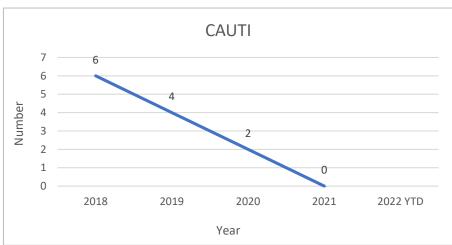
- Decrease in C. diff and CLABSI annually
- Favorable downward trends







## **Our Results**



- Decrease in CAUTI and Patient Falls with Injury Annually
- Favorable downward trends





## How Do We Maintain

- Patient Safety is Priority #1
- Continuous Evaluation of each program/protocol through outcome data
- Address each fallout with all key stakeholders timely (always looking for process failures)
- Encourage reporting of all events and close the loop with the front-line staff
- Continuous onboarding of new staff to programs and aggressive re-education when needed
- Continue to seek new and improved ways to engage front line staff on Patient Safety and Care





## **Facilitated Panel Discussion**

#### **Panelists**



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- Q3 Health Innovation Partners
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## **Final Thoughts**



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