



Fast Facts

from the January 11, 2007, HOSPITAL WORKGROUP (HoW) Meeting

The materials distributed to meeting participants will be available at <http://acute.hsag.com> by January 17. Click on the appropriate link in the “What’s New” box. The materials include:

- Presentation: Barb Avert—*IHI 5 Million Lives Campaign*
- Presentation: Susan Sumwalt—*The Power of One*
- Presentation: Christopher Stevens—*Criteria for Performance Excellence, Helping Your Organization Improve*
- Handout: 2007 State Quality Award Criteria and Application
- Handout: Announcement—CMS Requests Public Comment on a Revised Version of the “Important Message from Medicare”
- Handout: Draft of Revised “Important Message from Medicare”
- Handout: Key Messages Regarding the CMS 30-Day Hospital Mortality Measures
- Handout: *SoW News* article—“New Requirements for RHQDAPU”
- The Hospital Patient Safety posters displayed at the HoW meeting will be modified for use by hospitals NOT participating in the CMS ROSC (Rural Organizational Safety Culture Change) IPG (Identified Participant Group), and will be available for download with the HoW meeting materials.
- Also, the list of success stories transcribed from discussions following the “Power of One” presentation (What have you done to improve patient care in the past year?) will be posted with the HoW meeting materials.

Here are some *Fast Facts* from the meeting for your consideration:

- Christopher Stevens—the Executive Director of the Arizona Quality Alliance (AQA)—presented information on the Baldrige Award (the AQA administers the Baldrige Award in Arizona). Here are some highlights from his presentation:
 - Earning the Baldrige Award is an excellent opportunity for hospitals to demonstrate the quality of their services to their communities.
 - Becoming a certified evaluator for the program is a great way to learn about organizational performance excellence, and the 24–32-hour evaluator certification training is provided free of charge to those accepted into the program.
 - More information is available at www.arizona-excellence.com.
- Eighty-five percent of Arizona’s hospitals participated in the IHI’s *100,000 Lives Campaign*, and a goal has been set for 100 percent of Arizona’s hospitals to participate in the IHI’s recently launched *5 Million Lives Campaign*. More information is at <http://www.ihf.org/IHI/Programs/Campaign/>.
 - Hospitals that participated in the *100,000 Lives Campaign* are automatically enrolled in the *5 Million Lives Campaign*, unless they specifically opt out.
- More information about the CMS 30-Day Hospital Mortality Measures is available at www.qualitynet.org. Specific questions may be addressed by sending an e-mail to mortalitymeasures@coqio.sdps.org.
- To obtain copies of the proposed “Important Message from Medicare” (IMM) and supporting documents, go to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995>. On the menu on the left side of that page, click on “PRA Listing,” then scroll down or search for “CMS-R-193.”

If you have questions, please contact Suzanne Anders at sanders@azqio.sdps.org. The next HoW meeting will be April 12, 2007. Look for details in the *Scope of Work News*.