

Fast Facts

from the November 13, 2007 HOSPITAL WORKGROUP (HoW) Meeting

The materials distributed to meeting participants will be available at <http://acute.hsag.com> by November 16. Click on the appropriate link in the “What’s New” box. The materials include:

- **Presentation:** Charlie Chapin—*ACM Data Results*
- **Presentation:** *Arizona’s ACM Experiences*
 - Eileen Pressler—Kingman Regional Medical Center
 - Stu Glen—Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center
 - Maureen Mullingan—Banner Desert Medical Center
- **Presentation:** Brenda Darling—*Outline of the 9th Scope of Work*
- **Presentation:** Barb Averyt—*Patient Safety in Arizona*
- **Handout:** MS-DRG Resources
- **Announcement:** *Hospital Appeals* WebEx
 - November 28, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
 - Presentation by HSAG’s Elaine Nelson
 - Important information for case managers / social workers
 - A flyer with call-in information and participant code will be sent later this week

Here are some meeting *Fast Facts* and attendee responses for your consideration:

- Meeting attendees were very appreciative of the practical information shared by ACM IPG hospital representatives. Of particular note were:
 - The effectiveness of cross-discipline teams.
 - Banner Good Samaritan’s “Initiative Nurse” concept: an FTE position dedicated to making sure that core measures are met and providing one-on-one core-measure education to bedside nurses.
 - Banner Desert’s protocol of having patient status on core measures included in shift reports.
 - To reflect Kingman’s CEO’s statement that “core measures are an incredible climb,” all of Kingman’s core measure support materials utilize a mountain climbing theme.
- Barb Averyt’s discussion of AzAHA’s *Safe & Sound Patient Safety Initiative* included preliminary work on MRSA, and copies of the Initiative’s beautifully packaged *Forget-Me-Not Seeds for Safety* were given to meeting participants. For more information, contact Barb at baveryt@azhha.org. Also, be sure to check your hospital’s commitment to the IHI 5 Million Lives campaign by December 3. Go to www.ihf.org.

- If Midas is your data abstraction vendor, note that the AMI definition for ST elevation is missing a page.
- Discussion of preliminary information about the CMS 9th Scope of Work indicates that tasks may not be provider-setting specific as they have been in the past. Proposed project themes of Prevention, Patient Safety, Care Coordination, and Beneficiary Protection may cut across all provider settings. Interesting associated reading may be found at the Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care [Web site](#).

If you have questions related to this or other HoW meetings, please contact Suzanne Anders at sanders@azqio.sdps.org. Look for details regarding the next HoW meeting in future issues of the [Scope of Work News](#).



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