

**Iowa Healthcare Collaborative
Hospital Learning Community (formerly the Iowa Node)**

**February 2010 Cluster Conference Call
Cardiovascular Cluster
Discussion Summary**

Housekeeping Guidelines

- Participants are encouraged to share their experiences, issues and learnings.
- Ask questions – questions make everyone think outside of their own box.
- Make suggestions to improve the value of the conference calls.
- Please don't put your telephone on HOLD; MUTE your line if needed.
- When speaking to the group, give your name and the facility you are from.

General Announcements

- ✓ IHC has a new website with a new look. Visit www.ihconline.org and give us your feedback.
- ✓ **IHC Patient Safety Conference - March 10, 2010** at the Scheman Building on the ISU Campus in Ames features:
 - AM keynote speaker – Dr. Sanjaya Kumar, physician and author of *Fatal Care* – a book of stories of failures in the healthcare system. A family member will share her mother's experience of a medical error and its impact.
 - PM keynote speaker – Dr. Harold Adams, U of I, speaking on the legal ramifications of failure to treat stroke.
- ✓ **Hospital Learning Community Work Day – March 11, 2010** at the Scheman Building on the ISU Campus in Ames features:
 - Pre-conference Session 101 for first time work day attendees to prepare them for participation.
 - Cluster Breakout Sessions 201 – All teach/all learn
 - Improvement Map demonstration
 - Afternoon workshop topics –
 - ✓ Setting up a stroke system in your hospital
 - ✓ NHSN reporting for HAIs
 - ✓ Transitioning patients home – reducing readmissions
- ✓ **Spread Exercise Changes**
 - A new Spread Exercise survey tool has been developed – shorter, easier to complete.
 - Sent to quality leaders in organizations for reporting hospital spread status for 4th quarter 2009.
 - IHC will continue to monitor implementation of improvement strategies in 2010.
 - Some initiatives seem to have stalled in their implementation progress.
 - Those hospitals will be offered assistance in identifying and overcoming barriers.
 - IHC will also focus on sustainability strategies for hospitals that have achieved full implementation of initiatives.

- CAUTI, Aortic Dissection, Surgical Safety Checklist will be added to the Spread Exercise Survey for 2010 to establish a baseline. Stroke will be added later in 2010.

✓ **Improvement Map**

- I-Map provides 70 improvement topics for hospitals.
- Comprehensive resource of improvement elements by topic, including key measures, standards, guidelines, resources and a list of mentor hospitals for the topic.
- Go to www.ihc.org/IHO/Programs/ImprovementMap or Google IHI Improvement Map. There is no charge for use of the Improvement Map.
- Need to download Silverlight, a free Microsoft application, in order to use the Improvement Map. Follow the prompts on the IHI Improvement Map website.

Call Summary

Heart Failure

- Q'3 2009 Spread data indicates 78% of hospitals fully deployed
- 2010 goal – 85%
- Heart failure as a co-morbidity is still a compounding issue in meeting core measures.
- Mercy-Des Moines educates patients with secondary diagnosis of heart failure – if any mention of heart failure in history, treat patient as a heart failure patient. Gets daily admission list – looks at patients with atrial fibrillation, volume overload. Gets daily BNP list; checks daily IV list.
- Winneshiek Med. Center-Decorah also uses echocardiograms as a trigger for heart failure.
- It was noted that there are different benchmark measures beside core measures for heart failure. ACC has additional measures.
- Mahaska Health Partnership-Oskaloosa described their telemonitoring program, a disease management program through home health.
- Mercy-Des Moines also working with home care. First visit is to reconcile medications. Call to patient 1-2 days post discharge; follow-up doctor appointment. Health coach for self-management/telemangement program.
- Heart failure is a process on the I-Map.

AMI

- Q'3 2009 Spread data indicated 71% of hospitals fully deployed
- 2010 goal – 80%
- ACC Action Registry – for smaller hospitals sending patients to larger hospitals for interventions, registry will provide smaller hospitals with quarterly data
- AMI is a process on the I-Map.

Aortic Dissection (AD)

- Will track the implementation of the Aortic Dissection Bundle in 2010 to establish baseline Exercise.
- AD toolkit located on the IHC website: <http://www.ihc.org/toolkits/aorticdissection.cfm>
- Clarinda Regional Health Center implementing AD Bundle as a QI project for their ER. EMS involved.

- Audubon Co. Hospital implemented AD Bundle in ER
- New treatment guidelines due out
- AD not a diagnosis of the elderly. Can happen at any age, and does. Assessment important for those presenting with chest pain.

Stroke

- Window for giving tPA expanded from 3 hours to 4 ½ hours
- TIA vs stroke; deficits that clear need to be evaluated and treated
- Stroke measures found in AHA Get With the Guidelines
- Stroke focus at the IHC Patient Safety Conference and IHC Hospital Learning Community Conference
- Stroke Management is a process on the I-Map

Next Cardiovascular Cluster Call – May 11, 2010

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