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NEWS RELEASE

American Hospital Association Selects 2010-2011 Patient Safety Leadership Fellows

CHICAGO – July 13, 2010 – More than 30 clinical and administrative leaders have been selected to participate in the ninth AHA-NPSF Patient Safety Leadership Fellowship class. The Fellowship is an intensive, year-long professional education program for senior practitioners looking to improve cultures of safety and reliability, and accelerate positive change in their organizations. The program is one of the nation’s foremost leadership development programs in patient safety.

“Lawmakers have recognized that health reform isn’t just about getting more people covered; it is also about making our system better,” said HRET President Maulik S. Joshi, Dr. PH. “The Fellowship gives health care leaders the tools they need to implement such improvements.”

“Since its inception in 2001, the Patient Safety Leadership Fellowship has been equipping a cadre of health care leaders with the knowledge and competencies of the safety sciences, which are critical to the delivery of safe, high quality care,” said Diane C. Pinakiewicz, President of the National Patient Safety Foundation, a cosponsor of the program. “These safety tenets and skills are fundamental to the work that needs to be done in our health care system in order to realize the promise and potential of meaningful health care reform.”

In the course of one year, fellows participate in four leadership retreats, complete self-study modules, and engage in monthly conference calls.

Each fellow conceptualizes and designs an individualized action project with the goal of improving processes and spreading safe and evidence-based practices that lead to better outcomes and performance within the organization.

Among the Action Learning Projects planned for this year are:

- A fellow from Oneida Healthcare Center in New York will redesign and implement processes to prevent avoidable readmissions of heart failure and elderly pneumonia patients.
- A team of fellows from Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis will create safe and reliable methods for chemotherapy ordering for pediatric cancer patients.
- At Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, a fellow will develop an integrated structure and process to improve hospital to home care transitions of all medical inpatients.
- A fellow from Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center will integrate patient safety training curriculum into graduate medical education for residents and interns in Bronx, NY.
- A fellow from Norton Healthcare will design an enterprise-wide infrastructure for patient safety and accountability within an integrated network in Louisville, KY.

The Patient Safety Leadership Fellowship is sponsored by the American Hospital Association and the National Patient Safety Foundation, in partnership with the Health Research & Educational Trust, Health Forum, the American Society for Healthcare Risk Management, the American Organization of Nurse Executives, and the Society of Hospital Medicine.

The fellowship activities began in May 2010 and continue through May 2011. For more information or to nominate a colleague for future programs, contact the fellowship office at (312) 422-2933. Or visit www.ahafellowships.org for additional details.

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About AHA

The AHA is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the improvement of health in their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which includes more than 5,000 member hospitals, health systems and other health care organizations, and 38,000 individual members. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends.

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