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Dear Jan,

We welcome you to our first NAOQC E-news update. Please note that if your email browser only permits text-only, you can click on the link at the beginning of this email to receive a more readable version of this e-news.

In our periodic e-update, we will provide news related to NAOQC activities as well as pertinent information related to nursing in the quality-of-health-care-delivery endeavor.

As the largest health care profession, we believe that nurses are key to improving care. As President Obama's so eloquently summarized to the American Nurses Association on June 16: "Your jobs are tough. Your days can be stressful and exhausting and sometimes thankless. But through long shifts and late nights -- in the hectic scum of the emergency room, or in those quiet acts of humanity -- you are saving lives, you are offering solace, you're helping to make us a better nation."

NAOQC seeks to advance the highest quality, safety, and value of consumer-centered health care for all individuals - patients, their families, and their communities.

Sincerely,
Joyce Hahn, PhD, APRN-CNS, NEA-BC
Executive Director

Joyce Hahn Joins NAQC as Executive Director



We are very pleased to announce that Joyce Hahn, PhD, APRN-CNS, NEA-BC has been appointed as Executive Director of the Nursing Alliance for Quality Care. See our full press release [here](#).

NAQC Member working with Dennis Quaid on Patient Safety

The webinar "The Power of Storytelling" is part of the monthly series of free High Performer Webinars sponsored by SafetyLeaders.org (TMIT). "The Power of Storytelling" is hosted by Charles Denham of TMIT and features actor Dennis Quaid, NAQC board member Helen Haskell, Empowered Patient Coalition president Julia Hallisy, and other patient advocates discussing their personal stories of medical harm and how those experiences led them into the larger world of patient advocacy. "The Power of Storytelling" is scheduled for Sept. 16, 2010 at 12:00 noon Central time. Registration can be accessed at <http://www.safetyleaders.org/pages/workshopsWebinars.jsp?step=1>.

The TMIT High Performer Webinar series provides tools that unite healthcare providers, purchasers, and consumers to more rapidly identify and adopt techniques, presented in the NQF-Endorsed ® Safe Practices for Better Healthcare: 2010 Update, that will reduce patient harm and improve care. Throughout 2010, monthly webinars are being held to help healthcare organizations accelerate adoption and performance improvement through the Safe Practices. Each 90-minute session is composed of a 60-minute briefing about practices and round-table discussion of implementation issues, and a 30-minute Q&A period.

Two Nurses Selected to NQF Committees

NAQC is pleased to announce that National Quality Forum (NQF) has selected Ann Hendrich, RN, MSN, FAAN to serve as a member of NQF's steering committee for the efficiency resource use project. You can read more about this effort [here](#).

In addition, NQF has selected Dale Allison, PhD, MSN to serve as a member of the Cultural Competency Expert Panel. NAQC supported the selection of both candidates. You can read more about the Cultural Competency effort [here](#).

Patient Safety News of Interest

[Patient safety: What can medicine learn from aviation?](#)

American Medical News

However, adapting aviation's techniques to health care has not been easy, **patient**

safety experts say. Inherent differences between the two industries have ...

[U.S. number 1 in healthcare costs, last in patient safety](#)

Examiner.com

... but citizens get the least for their money, deal with lower patient safety and have the least efficient health care system of the 7 countries studied. ...

[AACN Endorses Key Patient Safety Initiative to Prevent Medication-Induced ...](#)

Newswise (press release)

If the ECG warning signs of TdP are recognized on the **patient's** cardiac monitor, then TdP and subsequent cardiac arrest should be avoidable," she says.

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