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**CME GUIDELINES RELEASED**

On March 5, CHEST, the peer-reviewed journal of the American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP), published new evidence-based guidelines to evaluate the effectiveness of current CME programs, recommending how CME can be improved to be a more meaningful and effective contributor to quality and performance improvement. The guidelines were developed by a panel of CME experts and advocate for a combination of multiple instructional techniques and exposures to topic areas. Most importantly, the guidelines confirm the critical role of CME in affecting health care and provider outcomes, and addressing clinical care gaps that stand in the way of a sustainable health care system. Go to: <http://tiny.cc/CMEguidelines>

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**CME RESOURCES**

**- MAKING HOSPITAL DISCHARGES BETTER: A CME CHALLENGE**

Join the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and Brian Jack, M.D., Associate Professor of Family Medicine at Boston University, to learn how to re-engineer the hospital discharge process and reduce readmissions. Patients who have a clear understanding of their after-hospital care instructions, including how to take their medicines and when to make follow-up appointments, are 30 percent less likely to be readmitted or visit the emergency department than patients who lack this information (February 3, 2009, *Annals of Internal Medicine*). This free 75-minute event will highlight Dr. Jack's AHRQ-sponsored toolkit, the Re-Engineered Hospital Discharge during the Web conference. Dr Jack will provide an overview of the Project RED toolkit and focus on sharing practical tips for implementing the toolkit in hospitals nationwide. In addition, Dr. Jack will present information on a current AHRQ supported project to create a "virtual" discharge advocate in an effort to deliver Project RED at a lower cost. More about Project RED, visit <http://tiny.cc/ProjectRED>  
 To register for this Web Conference, visit: <http://tiny.cc/redweb>

- NEW AHRQ MEASURES TO BE ADDED TO CMS HOSPITAL COMPARE SITE  
Hospitals participating in the hospital quality reporting program can access hospital-specific reports from the national “dry run” of nine measures used in planning for educational activities. Think about using Hospital Compare (and its new measures) to plan and evaluate programs. More details at <https://www.qualitynet.org/>

- STATE CME REQUIREMENTS  
The new 2009 version of State Medical Licensure Requirements and Statistics presents up-to-date information on medical licensure requirements and statistics in the United States for professional users, updated annually by the AMA. Now available at <http://tiny.cc/requirements>

- RESOURCES FOR TEACHING AND PROGRAM PLANNING  
A Practical Guide for Medical Teachers by Harden and Dent, editors. Available at <http://tiny.cc/practicalguide151>

- RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT  
AHRQ Extends Large Conference Grant Deadline. See [http://tiny.cc/R\\_D\\_support](http://tiny.cc/R_D_support)

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### **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- NEGEA REGIONAL CONFERENCE: Penn State College of Medicine will host the Northeast Group on Educational Affairs regional conference, May 1-2, 2009 in Hershey, PA. Please visit <http://tiny.cc/NEGEA>

#### **OTHER GEA REGIONAL CONFERENCES:**

- Central GEA Regional Conference: March 26-29, 2009 - Rochester, Minn. Hosted by the Mayo Medical School

- Southern GEA Regional Conference: April 2-4, 2009 - New Orleans, La. Hosted by Tulane University School of Medicine. Please visit: <http://tiny.cc/SGEA>

- Western GEA Regional Conference: April 18-21, 2009 - Santa Fe, N.M. Hosted by the University Of New Mexico School Of Medicine. Please visit: <http://tiny.cc/WGEA>

#### **- THE ALLIANCE INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN WEBINAR SERIES**

The first of three webinar sessions begins April 8. Session I: Adult Learning – The Foundation for Effective CME Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 2:00PM ET. Panelists are: Laura Bierema, EdD and Ron Cervaro, PhD, University of Georgia. Session II: Designing the Learning Intervention - Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 2:00PM ET. Panelists: John Ruggiero, PhD, Vice President, Institute for Continuing Healthcare Education. Session III: Non-Traditional Instructional Design - Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 2:00PM ET. Panelists: George Mejicano, MD, MS, FACME, Elizabeth Mullikin, MS, and Curtis Olson, PhD, University of Wisconsin. For more info, please contact the Alliance at (205) 824-1355 or [acme@acme-assn.org](mailto:acme@acme-assn.org)

#### **- COI FORUM**

The AAMC FOCI Academe Meeting (Forum on Conflict of Interest in Academe) will be held at the Fairmont Copley Plaza in Boston, MA from June 28-30, 2009. Registration is now open, and

the complete on-line program is now available at the AAMC website at [http://tiny.cc/COI\\_Forum](http://tiny.cc/COI_Forum)

- IMPROVING HEALTH WITH COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

Improving Health WITH Communities: The Role of Community Engagement in Clinical and Translational Research, May 14–15, 2009, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD. This is the second annual conference to discuss, share best practices, and collaborate with communities and health care providers to improve health by means of practice-based research networks (PBRNs). Participants will develop recommendations for academic-community collaborations and partnerships with other community programs to establish research agendas. Registration and on-line submission for poster abstracts: <http://tiny.cc/APTR>

- GAME MEETING

The 14th Annual GAME Meeting, 'Global Best Practices in CME', Lyon, France, Université Claude Bernard, June 7-9, 2009. This meeting is geared for professionals interested in international CME, global CME accreditation, and for those who wish to network with professional organizations from around the world. More at <http://tiny.cc/GAME106>

- SACME IN THE SUMMER

For researchers, researchers-in-training and for those interested in CME R&D, the upcoming SACME Summer Research Institute, “Developing Expertise in the Investigation and Evaluation of Learning and Change” may be of interest. It will be held from Saturday, June 13 to Wednesday, June 17 in Toronto, at the University of Toronto Conference Centre. Details: [www.sacme.org](http://www.sacme.org)

- PRACTICE GUIDELINE SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH RESEARCH

June 23-25, 2009, Hamilton, Ontario. The Capacity Enhance Project (CEP), an initiative of the Cancer Guidelines Action Group of the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer Corporation, will host a Summer Institute for health research and clinical trainees from across Canada. The 3-day workshop will provide an in-depth critical examination of practice guideline development, evidence synthesis approaches, and advancing a quality agenda in cancer control. The workshop is free of charge to participants; please visit <http://tiny.cc/CEP>

- 2009 AHRQ PBRN RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Wednesday, June 24 - 26, 2009 at DoubleTree Hotel Bethesda, Bethesda, Md., please visit: <http://tiny.cc/PBRNs>

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**NEWS FOR CANADIAN KT RESEARCHERS**

- KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION AWARD

Nominations are open for the 2009 Knowledge Translation Award, which honors and supports the exemplary knowledge translation efforts and activities of an exceptional individual, team or organization. More at [http://tiny.cc/KT\\_Award](http://tiny.cc/KT_Award)

- KNOWLEDGE TO ACTION: A KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION CASEBOOK - a series of knowledge translation (KT) cases spans the breadth of CIHR's health research themes and showcases just a few of the diverse and interesting KT initiatives embarked upon by health researchers. More at [http://tiny.cc/KT\\_casebook](http://tiny.cc/KT_casebook)

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### **QUALITY IMPROVEMENT NEWS**

- HOSPITALS CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN NEW NURSE-LED QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COLLABORATIVE: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation announced the selection of 16 hospitals to participate in the first two cohorts of the Aligning Forces for Quality: Transforming Care at the Bedside Collaborative (TCAB Collaborative). Is your hospital one of them? [http://tiny.cc/Nurse\\_led\\_QI](http://tiny.cc/Nurse_led_QI)

- HOW DOES YOUR SYSTEM FARE IN THE EYES OF CONSUMERS? Can CME help in these areas? Joint AHRQ's webinar for an upcoming CAHPS® Webcast: Improving Your Performance on the CAHPS® Health Plan Survey. CAHPS stands for consumer assessment of health professionals and systems. More: <http://tiny.cc/CAHPS>

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### **AND...IN THE LITERATURE**

- THE GLAD STUDY: A multifaceted intervention to improve blood pressure control: The Guideline Adherence for Heart Health (GLAD) study. Bonds DE, et al. Am Heart J. 2009 Feb;157(2):278-84. More at: [http://tiny.cc/GLAD\\_study](http://tiny.cc/GLAD_study)

### **- HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MOST RECENT JCEHP ISSUE**

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