



Jake's Java Break

Accreditation Tidbits for Medical Staff Members

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JCAHO-Speak

National Patient Safety
Goals Announced for 2003
[National Patient Safety Goals](#)

for 2003 address preventing medical errors caused by confusion in identifying patients, miscommunication among caregivers, wrong-site surgery, infusion pumps, medication mix-ups and clinical alarm systems. Of particular interest to physicians are Goals 2 and 4, improving effectiveness of communication (e.g., verbal orders) and eliminating wrong-site surgery. An expert advisory group composed of physicians, nurses, risk managers and other professionals developed these evidence-based and expert-based recommendations. The advisory group reviewed the collected Sentinel Event Alerts, which identify specific medical errors and near-misses, describe their common underlying causes, and suggest steps to prevent occurrences in the future. By 01 JAN 03, all JCAHO-accredited health care organizations must comply with all recommendations applicable to their settings.



Have Your Say

In order to help prevent medical errors, patients are now being encouraged to be proactive in their own health care by having their say. The recently launched JCAHO "Speak Up" campaign urges patients to join patient safety efforts. This national program encourages active, involved participation by patients; research has shown that patients who take part in decisions about their health care are more likely to have better outcomes. Review the campaign on the JCAHO web page [Speak Up](#). Print the [color brochure](#). Watch the [video news release](#) (RealPlayer™ required).



Medical Staff Issues

Medical Students Performing Patient Care

Physicians supervising patient care activities performed by medical students will want to be cognizant of the newly updated standard (March '02) addressing whether patient care activities medical students perform, such as an admission H&P, can be used as documentation in the medical record.
[Medical Student Performing H&P](#)

Proposed Revisions to Medication Use Standard

A new Medication Use Standard, pending approval, will be in effect as of 1 January 2004. Of significance, prescribing and ordering standards affecting physicians will apply and can be viewed at [Proposed Revisions to Medication Use Standards](#). Click on **Prescribing or Ordering and Transcribing** for the proposed new standard that most directly affects prescribers. Medical staff leaders may want to consider collaborating with nursing and pharmacy professionals to review and update hospital policies regarding required medication order elements, unacceptable abbreviations, need for medication indication, trade name vs. generic name use, etc., as listed in the new standard.

Medical Errors Disclosure Bibliography

Check out this link, [Medical Errors Disclosure](#), for some journal articles and books about this potentially touchy subject. You may be surprised. Also, see the National Patient Safety Foundation [Statement of Principle](#), *Talking to Patients About Health Care Injury*.



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JCAHO-Speak: National Patient Safety Goals Announced for 2003

- **Click to Link:** Go to home page www.jcaho.org, click on “News Room” then on “2003 National Patient Safety Goals” under “Easy Access.”
- **Direct link:** <http://www.jcaho.org/news+room/news+release+archives/npsg.htm>

Have Your Say

- **Click to Links:** : Go to www.jcaho.org, click on “Speak Up” under “Latest from JCAHO.” Follow links to the brochure *Speak Up: Help Prevent Errors in Your Care* → Hospital (English) “View pdf” and to the *Video News Release: Patients Urged To Take Role in Preventing Health Care Errors* (downloadable Real Player™ required).
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- **Click to Links:** Go to www.jcaho.org, then:
 - for Medical Student Performing H&P, click on: “Standards FAQs” under “Latest from JCAHO” → Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Hospitals (CAMH) → Scroll down to Medical Staff, H&P section
 - for Proposed Revisions to Medication Use Standards, click on: “Standards FAQs” under “Latest from JCAHO” → Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Hospitals (CAMH) → “Draft Standards” (left sidebar) → Medication Use Standards
 - for Medical Errors Disclosure Bibliography, click on: Accredited Organizations → Patient Safety (right sidebar) → Medical Errors Disclosure (left sidebar)
 - for National Patient Safety Foundation Statement of Principle, go to: www.npsf.org; Statement of Principle link is in first paragraph of text.
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