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Ask every patient,
every visit if they
use tobacco, not just
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A Healthcare-Associated Infection Learning & Action Network (LAN) webinar will be held July 25 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Topic for the LAN is the "NHSN C. difficile Training and Round Table Discussion." For more information, contact Trannie Murphy at tmurphy@msqio.sdps.org or 601-957-1575 ext. 222.

A Care Transitions Learning & Action Network (LAN) meeting is scheduled for July 26, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. "Evidenced-Based Interventions to Reduce Hospital Readmissions" is the topic. Three speakers, champions on the care transitions subject, will be featured, including Mary Perloe, RN, MS, GNP; Deborah L. Creedy, RN, BSN, CCM; and Adam Y. Brooks, PT. The meeting can be accessed at www.msqio.org/hpclan. For more information, call 601-957-

a dipper, chewer or cigar smoker doesn't think of themselves as a smoker. Asking on each visit will update the record for those who may have started, cut-back or increased tobacco use since the last visit.

Visit the Quitline and ask about Staff Training Regarding Smoking Cessation at www.quitlinems.com or call 1-800-784-8669.

New Tools

Updated Core Measures Booklet

New - Signs of Pain Matrix - _A fun interactive learning tool for reinforcing pain recognition skills_

Pressure Point & Pressure Ulcer Staging Guide - _A New Pocket Guide to assist Nursing Home Staff with helpful tips and information on Pressure Points, Positioning and Pressure Ulcer recognition and reduction tips_

Upcoming Events

July 26, 2012 - Care Transitions Teleconference Learning & Action Network (LAN) Meeting - Evidenced Based Interventions

1575 ext. 219 or 257.

Physicians Discuss EHR Implementation Experiences

Visit the IQH website www.msqio.org to access two Mississippi physicians discussing their experiences with electronic health record implementation.

In a national teleconference presented earlier this year, Dr. Magdi Wassef, physician owner of Southaven Internal Medicine, Southaven, MS, shares his experience in electronic health record implementation and the use of his EHR for PQRS. Dr. Wassef has been recognized as the first physician practice in the country to submit successfully through his electronic health record PQRS measures for the 2011 reporting period. Click here to access the audio file.

In a four-part video series, Dr. Samuel H. Peeples, FACP, of Premier Medical Group of Mississippi, gives details of his journey in turning traditional paper medical records into an electronic health record system at his practice. Click here to access the four-part video series.

Reducing Adverse Drug Events

IQH's Reducing Adverse Drug Events (ADEs) Project has three community teams participating and reporting data in a summary report to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Utilization of clinical pharmacy services in the nursing home setting provides a system of medication therapy management and monthly medication reconciliation as well as a system to track compliance with processes for each facility.

Teams track improvement in health status measures and safety measures in compiling the number of adverse drug events; those drug events prevented through intervention; and the events that pose risks due to potentially inappropriate antipsychotic medications. Other medication issues are also identified and addressed. The high risk populations continue to be Medicare participants on warfarin, diabetics on medication, and patients using antipsychotics of any type.

The use of recently developed data collection tools and a quick-glance pocket guide for ADEs and pADEs (potential adverse drug events) will help capture actual incidents of adverse drug events and "near misses," according to Brenda Townsend, RN, who serves as the project leader for the IQH drug events effort. Reminders for staff to document real-time collection of noteworthy problems and interventions also contribute to the ADE project. Click here to download the ADE Pocket Guide.

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