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Available Tools:

"Treating the Constellation of Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors to Goal" DVD offers four CMEs free through Oct. 15; contact Ramona Drake for information, 601-957-1575 ext. 231

"Core Measures Help Booklet for PC Practices"

"Core Measures Help Booklet" (AMI, HF, PN, SCIP, STK, & VTE)

Events and Health Observations

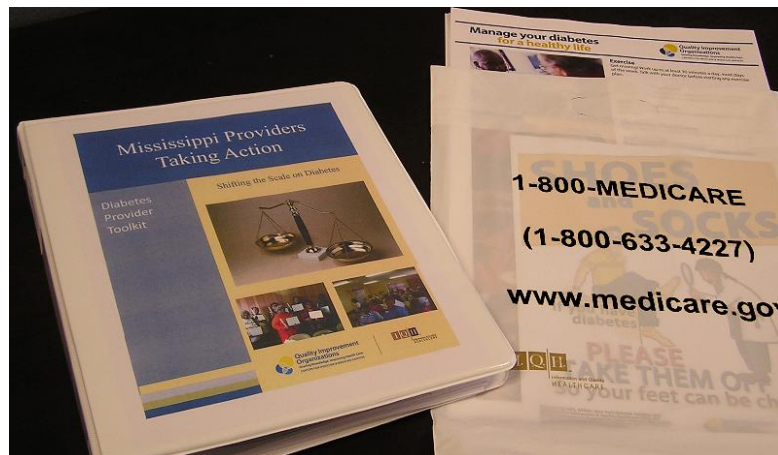
May
May 6-12
National Nurses Week

May 12-18

Core Measures Help Booklet (AMI, HF, PN, SCIP, STK, & VTE)

The 'Core Measures Help Booklet' pocket guide has been updated and shared with IQH hospital contacts and is available on the IQH website (www.msqio.org). The 41-page pocket guide addresses AMI, HF, PN, SCIP, STK & VTE. It does not contain all core measures. Recent training sessions presented at IQH by Tracie Bennett and Dale Bridges have covered topics applicable to critical access hospitals. For more information, contact Tracie at tbennett@msqio.sdps.org, 601-957-1575 ext. 202.

Meridian Providers Take Action to Shift Scales on Diabetes



Information & Quality Healthcare is continuing to provide *Diabetes Self-Management Education* classes to diabetes patients in the Meridian area. Meridian physicians referring patients to the DSME classes are provided with resources and tools in a diabetes provider package to assist them in improving diabetes in the area. A provider education event is set for June 18. CMEs will be offered free for providers attending the 6 to 8:30 p.m. event at Weidmann's Restaurant in Meridian. For more information, contact Carisa Nixon at cnixon@msqio.sdps.org or 601-957-1575 ext. 260.

Final iPASS Summit Series is May 10

An iPASS Summit series focusing on insurance issues of medical practices concludes with a May 10 program in the Metro Jackson area. The series is hosted by the Mississippi

National Hospital
Week

May 12-18
National Nursing
Home Week

May 21-24
2013 Empowering
Communities for a
Healthy Mississippi
Conference, Marriott
Hotel, Jackson
[Conference Website
and Online
Registration](#)

Asthma and Allergy
Awareness Month

National Cancer
Research Month

National High Blood
Pressure Awareness
Month

National Stroke
Awareness Month

Older Americans
Month

June 6-7
Mississippi Hospital
Association Annual
Leadership
Conference Point
Clear, Ala.

June 19-21
Mississippi Health
Information
Association
(MSHIMA) Meeting,
Hattiesburg; go to
www.mshima.org

State Medical Association and the Mississippi Insurance Department. Registration is available at MSMAonline.com. Insurance, payments and advocacy will be discussed, with new programs, policy changes and claims submittal tips previewed. Earlier programs were held April 26 and May 3 in Oxford.

From *Quality Watch*, a publication of the CRISP NCC (Care Reinvention through Innovation Spread, National Coordinating Center):

CMS Adds Interactive Data to Hospital Compare Website

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently upgraded its quality of care website tool, Hospital Compare, according to *HealthLeaders Media* on April 24. The new version of Hospital Compare uses a new interface called Socrata that features spreadsheets containing data on a variety of measures, including readmissions and value-based purchasing scores for nearly 3,000 hospitals. The upgraded tool allows users to sort columns of data and see scores of all hospitals within a certain ZIP code range. Prior to the interactive upgrade, the website allowed comparisons of data from three hospitals at a time, but now users can see hospital scores compared with others in the region as well. Other updates include information on whether a hospital's outpatient departments can receive laboratory tests from outside laboratories using a certified electronic health record (EHR) system and whether a hospital's outpatient departments have EHR systems that can track results of lab tests and diagnostics tests.

<http://www.healthleadersmedia.com/page-1/TEC-291448/Hospital-Compare-Adds-Interactive-Data>

National Stroke Awareness Month

Not Enough Stroke Patients Calling 911

More than one-third of persons having a stroke do not call 911, even though emergency services result in more rapid treatment and lower risk of disability, according to a new study of U. S. stroke patients. (From the Mississippi State Department of Health News crediting *Circulation: Cardiovascular Quality and Outcomes*)

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