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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

September  
Healthy Aging Month

National Cholesterol  
Education Month

Emergency  
Preparedness Month

### Quarterly Deadlines for Hospital Quality Data Reporting

November 1 and November 15 are the next deadlines for the hospital quality data reporting of inpatient and outpatient admissions. Failure to observe the deadlines will result in a two percent reduction in Medicare reimbursements. Information & Quality Healthcare (IQH) staff can assist in the reporting effort, providing support and education. Information is also shared with contacts throughout the state. Tracie Bennett and Dale Bridges (601-957-1575 extensions 202 and 223) can be contacted for assistance.

### Diabetes Self-Management Education (DSME) Program Ending in Meridian

Improving diabetes care and reducing amputations in the African-American community has been the focus of a special project in Meridian since last October. Information & Quality Healthcare (IQH) nurses trained in diabetes care and education have shared information with 251 graduates, including caregivers as well as other non-targeted participants. The high prevalence of diabetes resulted in the area being targeted for the intense effort. IQH has worked under contract with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to present the classes with a curriculum based on the Diabetes Empowerment Education Program (DEEP), a participatory model that presents complex medical concepts in terms for laypersons.

### Quality Assurance/Performance Improvement (QAPI): Strategies to be an Exceptional Leader in Quality Improvement

Information & Quality Healthcare (IQH) will conduct a complimentary Learning & Action Network meeting Oct. 2, 8:30 to 3:30, at the UMMC Conference Center in Jackson. The evidence-based program TeamSTEPPS will be presented for developing and implementing systems of communication and team building for Quality Assurance/Performance Improvement (QAPI). By 2014 nursing homes must be able to demonstrate that they are using the data-driven, proactive approach to improving the quality of life, care, and services in nursing homes. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Sept. 10-11  
Quality Assurance/  
Performance  
Improvement  
seminars by the  
Mississippi Health  
Care Association,  
8:30-3:30

Sept. 16-20  
National Health  
IT Week

Sept. 26  
10 a.m.  
*The Role of the  
Pharmacist: Working  
Together to Decrease  
Hospital Readmission  
Rates*

Sept. 29  
World Heart Day

**October**  
Breast Cancer  
Awareness Month

## Learning & Action Network Discovery Learning Series September-October Topics

The Discovery Learning Series, focusing on improving quality in a healthcare setting, will present Change in September, including Part 1 Demystifying Change set for Wednesday, Sept. 11. Leveraging Change will be the topic on Sept. 25. Scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesdays from 2 to 3 p.m., the quality improvement series includes Engaging Partners in October. The audio conference number is 1-877-691-6020. Conference ID is 5161391; WebEx login is <https://qualitynet.webex.com>, and the password is Improvement. For more information, contact Sarah Miller, [smiller@msgjo.sdps.org](mailto:smiller@msgjo.sdps.org).

## Event Listings

September is National Preparedness Month. Visit the Emergency Preparedness Website to get more information: <http://mhanewsnow.typepad.com/prepared/>

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is observed in October. The US National Breast Cancer Awareness Month website went online in 1998, and lists the organizations sponsoring the event.

Teleconference/Webinar: Sept. 26, 2013, 10 a.m.  
*The Role of the Pharmacist: Working Together to Decrease Hospital Readmission Rates*, discussing medication reconciliation, ways to increase access to medications, and patient compliance. Contact: Mary Helen Conner, [mconner@msgjo.sdps.org](mailto:mconner@msgjo.sdps.org).

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