



KANSAS HOSPITAL ENGAGEMENT NETWORK

The Kansas Healthcare Collaborative and its founding partners, the Kansas Hospital Association and the Kansas Medical Society are pleased to announce the **Kansas Hospital Engagement Network**. Through the Kansas Hospital Engagement Network, KHC and KHA will provide education and training to help hospitals make health care safer and less costly by reducing health care acquired conditions and preventable readmissions.

KHC and KHA will work with each participating hospital to identify the set of improvement activities that are most relevant to the hospital's needs. Types of improvement activities and support that will be available include:

- **Stand alone improvement activities** such as webinars, educational sessions and open-ended sessions where challenges can be discussed individually with subject matter experts;
- **Topic-specific fellowship programs** to develop individual and team capability for implementation;
- **Improvement collaboratives** utilizing the PDSA model, improvement advisors and learning sessions; and
- **Ongoing learning networks** with site visits to selected sites and peer-to-peer information sharing and assistance.

Beginning in early 2012, the **Kansas Hospital Engagement Network** will offer education on a variety of topics, including leadership development, culture of safety, teamwork and communications and LEAN training. Hospitals will also have access to content and learning opportunities in ten areas of focus:

- Adverse drug events (ADE)
- Catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI)
- Central line-associated blood stream infections (CLABSI)
- Injuries from falls and immobility
- Obstetrical adverse events
- Pressure ulcers
- Surgical site infections
- Venous thromboembolism (VTE)
- Ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP)
- Preventable readmissions

The **Kansas Hospital Engagement Network** is available to all hospitals in Kansas and there is no fee for participation in the two year educational program. The bold aims of this program are to reduce preventable hospital acquired conditions by 40 percent and reduce hospital readmissions by 20 percent, in turn, significantly reducing costs.

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