Second Year in a Row, St. Peter's Is Lauded for 'Exemplary' Surgeries

For the second year in a row, the National Surgical Quality Improvement Program of the American College of Surgeons has recognized St. Peter's Hospital for achieving exemplary outcomes for surgical patient care.

It places St. Peter's in the top 10 percent of the more than 300 hospitals in United States that participate annually in this patient-safety program. The National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (NSQIP) is the only nationally-validated, quality-improvement program that measures and enhances the care of surgical patients.

"Earning exemplary status for patient safety is a testament to the skills and quality control in the pre-operative preparation, operative procedures and post-operative care of patients at St. Peter's Hospital," said Dr. Samuel Feldman, clinical chief, St. Peter's Department of Surgery. "Participating in the National Surgical Quality Improvement Program is a commitment by St. Peter's to maintain patient safety and enhance the quality of our surgical practice."

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Flu Shots Available for Medical, Dental & Allied Health Staffs

Influenza vaccinations will be available Nov. 10 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the first floor Alcove of St. Peter's Hospital. That same day, flu vaccines will be available on various floors of the hospital between 6 and 9 p.m.

"We are hoping to get every physician, dentist and allied health provider vaccinated this year," said St. Peter's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Robert Cella.

To date we have immunized a total of 2,070 individuals. As a point of reference, we immunized 1,886 individuals from September 2008 through December 2009. From September 2009 through January 2010, 3,747 were vaccinated when the seasonal flu vaccine was mandatory.

Work Sessions on CPOE Conclude, Will Lead to Preliminary Model

Based on recommendations from physicians, nurses and other caregivers at St. Peter's, a preliminary model for a Computerized Practitioner Order Entry (CPOE) system is anticipated by January.

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CPOE (cont’d.)

"Their last meeting was Oct. 21 and thanks to their work, our information technology specialists will now create a CPOE test environment in the Soarian Clinical Information System. This preliminary model should be ready by January when physicians and other caregivers can review it and validate the key decisions made during the work sessions."

Anyone interested in being part of this review should contact Remancus at 505-5772 or via email at kremancus@sphcs.org.

Exemplary Outcomes (cont’d.)

St. Peter's was among 26 hospitals nationally to achieve exemplary outcome performances in at least two of five clinical areas: DVT (deep vein thrombosis, thrombophlebitis and pulmonary embolism); cardiac incidents (cardiac arrest and myocardial infarction); Pneumonia; SSI (surgical site infections-superficial and deep incisional and organ-space SSIs); or urinary tract infection.

Medical Grand Rounds


Nov. 17 – “New York State Mandated Infection Control Training Program” By Mary Therriault, RN, Education Specialist. “NYS Licensed practitioners are required to update Infection Control Training every four years. This course is offered as an opportunity to obtain that training.

Nov. 24 – No meeting. Happy Thanksgiving.

Tumor Board Conferences

The following Tumor Board Conferences each grant one Continuing Education Credit. All conferences will be held in the Medical Oncology Conference Room, Suite 210, on the second floor of 317 S. Manning Blvd.

Breast - Nov. 11 Noon - 1 p.m.

GI - Nov. 17 Noon - 1 p.m.

GU - Nov. 5 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Hepatobiliary - Nov. 8 and Nov. 22 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Thoracic - Nov. 12 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

St. Peter's Physicians Help Create Award-Winning Ad Campaign

Collaboration between St. Peter's Physicians Council and St. Peter's Corporate Communications Department has resulted in an award-winning ad touting the surgical excellence of the surgeons, nurses and staff of St. Peter's Hospital.

The campaign, titled “Better Outcomes...for a Better Life,” was recently awarded the “Mark of Excellence” Award from the New York Capital Region Chapter of the American Marketing Association.

Following its premier last fall, the ad campaign is back on the air this year. The campaign features former patients and their surgeons discussing the surgical procedures that helped change their lives.

The television ads are available by visiting St. Peter’s website, www.sphcs.org.

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