



Saskatchewan health care embraces the transformational power of Quality Improvement

Saskatchewan holds first ever Health Care Quality Summit, April 20-21, 2011 in Regina

Health care systems around the world are reinventing themselves in the face of increasingly complex care issues and budget restrictions. Through Quality Improvement, systems in the US, Sweden, and England have improved patient outcomes and workplace productivity and effectiveness – all while holding the line on or reducing spending. Saskatchewan’s health sector has embarked on its own Quality Improvement journey.

The world-wide “quality revolution” first transformed Japanese car manufacturing in the 1950s, and is now being applied to a wide range of workplaces, including health care. Quality Improvement allows workers at all levels to break away from old habits, reinvent their processes, and integrate the voice of the customer into everything they do.

Health care leaders in Saskatchewan will have the opportunity to both share and discover the transformational power of Quality Improvement at the province’s first Health Care Quality Summit, April 20 & 21 in Regina.

“The Summit is a very significant event and I encourage all health care organizations to make participation in the Summit a priority,” says Dan Florizone, Deputy Minister of Health in Saskatchewan. “It will be a terrific forum for our health professionals, managers and front-line staff to share and learn and connect with local and international leaders and experts.”

The program for *Inspire: Health Care Quality Summit 2011* includes:

- **Opening Presentation** by **Maureen Bisognano**, President and CEO, Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI);
- **John Toussaint M.D.**, CEO of the ThedaCare Center for Healthcare Value and author of *On the Mend: Revolutionizing Healthcare to Save Lives and Transform the Industry*;
- **Dr. Richard Shannon**, Chair, Department of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and pioneer in patient safety.;
- **Executive Round Table Discussion** moderated by **Kishore Visvanathan**, Division Head for Urology, Saskatoon Health Region, and Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Saskatchewan; author of the blog *Adventures in Improving Access*.
- **Banquet and Awards Presentations** featuring an address by **Norma Cameron**, storyteller and narrative consultant
- **Workshops** on how Quality Improvement can create safer, more engaging, and efficient work environments and better patient outcomes;
- **Saskatchewan Stories** on local Quality Improvement initiatives;
- **Quality Improvement Expo and Displays**

“This Summit can provide organizations and individuals the knowledge and skills that will help them become champions of real and measurable change in health care,” says Florizone.

For more information or to register visit www.qualitysummit.ca

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