



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

**APPLICATION OF EVIDENCE BASED HOSPITAL PRACTICES MAY
REDUCE ERRORS THAT DIMINISH HEALTH OF PATIENTS**

Training of hospital staff teams should be evidence based to maximize patient outcomes.

A forum was held at the National Press Club on a model to improve hospital care and outcomes. Presenters at the forum were, clinical professors of medical schools, health care policy authorities, staff of the Premier Health Alliance, health quality management researchers and health policy analysts.

Summary

There are two types of evidence based practices. One is for clinical decision making based on the best available biological health care evidence. The other is associated with the behavioral aspects of staff conducting protocols associated with measurable health outcomes that include mortality and morbidity data. The focus of discussions was on the behavioral aspects of staff teams associated with patient mortality and harm avoidance.

Behavioral evidence based practices involves benchmarking, implementing, measuring and scoring innovation solutions to complex problems of caring for patients, harnessing technological innovation and aggressive strategies for quality improvement. The behavioral evidence based model indicates that if you use these *validated protocols*, with *persons trained in these ways*, under these *conditions*, you will get these *results* (which include standard measures) with these *types of patients*. Introduction of communication products to health care delivery change the *conditions* of hospital care and could be measured for impact to determine improved clinical outcomes and cost saving. (i.e. saving 2 hrs. of walking on a shift is may reduce cost through work efficiency).

Disability Prevention Issues

There are many evidence based protocols and training practices associated with the behavioral sciences that comprise hospital practices that lie outside of clinical medical decisions based on biological patient conditions. Most medical and non medical personnel need to apply evidence based practices for patient care and personnel training in a timely manner all of the time. Effective training practices of hospital teams could reduce medical errors that lead to diminished health and disability

Activity

A letter was written to a presenter to comment on the behavioral aspects of hospital management associated with evidence-based practices of the staff.

Principle

Training of hospital staff teams should be evidence based that are related to processes of hospital care and patient outcomes.