DESIGNATING OPIOID SAFE HOSPITALS



For more than a decade, Cal Hospital Compare (CHC) has been providing Californians with objective hospital performance ratings. CHC is a non-profit organization that is governed by a multi-stakeholder board, with representatives from hospitals, purchasers, consumer groups, and health plans. In effort to accelerate improvement and recognize high performance by California hospitals, CHC publishes an annual Patient Safety Honor Roll and Low-Risk C-section Honor Roll.

To address California's opioid epidemic and accelerate hospital progress to reduce opioid related deaths, this fall CHC will designate select hospitals as *Opioid Safe* for the purpose of supporting continued quality improvement and recognizing hospitals for their contributions fighting the epidemic. CHC along with other partners will publicly recognize hospitals designated as *Opioid Safe*.

To measure opioid safety CHC received funding from California Health Care Foundation (CHCF) to collaboratively design the *Opioid Safe Hospital Self-Assessment*. This self- assessment measures *opioid safety* across 4 domains:

- 1. Preventing new opioid starts
- 2. Identifying and managing patients with Opioid Use Disorder
- 3. Preventing harm in high-risk patients
- 4. Applying cross-cutting organizational strategies

The self-assessment period starts May 13, 2019 and closes September 18, 2019.

To learn more about the *Opioid Safe Hospital Designation* and to hear from peers about what they are doing to improve opioid safety in their hospitals please join us for a no cost, CME accredited, 5-part webinar series. The webinars are designed for Chief Medical Officers, Chief Nursing Officers, Chief Quality Officers, Quality and Emergency Department leadership, and other individuals involved in improving opioid safety. The next webinar is scheduled on July 10, 2019 at 11am PST. Guest speakers include Andrew Herring MD, Physician, Assoc. Director of Research, Highland Hospital-Alameda Health System and Katie Hesse, MSN, RN, NP, Director of Emergency Services for Dignity Health.

Initiating MAT in the hospital: Unique aspects from the ED and inpatient settings

At the end of the webinar, participants will have:

- Considered the value of attaining the Opioid Safe Hospital Designation & identified the steps your hospital will take to apply for the designation
- Analyzed your hospital's performance on the identification and treatment of opioid use disorder using the Opioid Safe Hospital Self-Assessment
- Examined the relationship between the medical model of addiction and providing MAT
- Heard from peer hospitals the steps they have taken to standardize the initiation and continuation of MAT in the ED and inpatient setting and how to navigate discharges to community
- Communicated how CHC can support hospital progress over the next two webinars

Register online **HERE** for the Opioid Safe Hospital Designation Webinar Series

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