

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 Tues., Aug. 27, 2019 at 11am PST. Guest speakers include Josh Luftig, PA-C, Bay Area Regional Director, California Bridge, Project Manager, AHS Naloxone Distribution Project at Highland Hospital, and Curtis Geier, Clinical Pharmacist, UCSF.**

The nuts and bolts of dispensing Naloxone to high-risk patients and their support systems

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 overdose prevention
- Examined overdose prevention progress and opportunities in CA, while also addressing systemic barriers & myths e.g. logistics, stigma, cost, and legislation
- Heard from peer hospitals the steps they have taken to implement a successful naloxone distribution program from how to draft a standing order, apply for a block grant for free naloxone dispensing, & workflow tips & tricks
- Communicated how CHC can support hospital progress on the Sept. 12 webinar



Register online [HERE](#) for the Opioid Safe Hospital Designation Webinar Series

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