

Clarity Group's Groundbreaking Healthcare and Patient Safety Benchmarking Program Reaches Milestone 100th Participant

The program continues to build on its success in healthcare data collection, reporting and shared best practices.

Chicago, IL (<u>PRWEB</u>) November 15, 2016 -- Clarity Group's Benchmark for Excellence in Patient Safety[™] (BFEPS) Program reached a proud milestone, having contracted with its 100th participant.

Conceived and developed by <u>Clarity</u>, the program is the first and only of its kind for small and rural healthcare providers and critical access hospitals (CAHs). Driven by Clarity's proprietary reporting software and the indepth analytics of Clarity's Clinical Informatics team, the program continues to grow at a steady rate, and now contains the largest volume of safety event data reported by small and rural health facilities anywhere. From the data, the program managers at Clarity extrapolate deep and relevant patient safety knowledge, which is then used to facilitate shared interventions and best practices among all program participants.

By participating in the <u>BFEPS™ Program</u>, Clarity's clients capture incident report data in a common report template allowing them to benchmark their data and share patient safety best practices with similar organizations in a way that was not possible even a decade ago. Members of the program meet quarterly, giving them an opportunity to discuss safety topics with their peers and review Quarterly Comparative Reports, which detail data analyses and insights.

Participation in the program is available and voluntary to critical access hospitals and small and rural facilities that use the <u>Healthcare SafetyZone® Portal</u>, Clarity's web-based tool for patient safety data collection, analysis and workflow management. A powerful data collection tool like the Healthcare SafetyZone® Portal is an essential part of patient safety management at any of today's healthcare facilities, and in this case, the ability to guarantee a common data collection format makes it possible to execute such an ambitious benchmarking process.

"With Clarity's BFEPSTM Program, for the first time CAHs have been able to have comparative data for themselves at the state and national level. The consistent data analysis, comparative reports and webinars have helped the CAHs in ND to gain a more in-depth understanding of issues contributing to potential adverse events, as well as adopting shared best practices to enhance safety," said Jody Ward, MS, RN, APHN, Program Coordinator, North Dakota CAH Quality Network. "The overall impact is a culture shift that enhances the good work the CAHs do in protecting the patients we serve."

"The program has continued to evolve and prove that good benchmarking through safety data analysis is possible. Not only have we challenged each other (and the data), but we are constantly reminded of the fact that we are not alone, and we learn more when we work together. We are also humbled at how powerful of an impact a healthy, safe culture can have on the care that we deliver. It is within these principles that we advance our safety journey both in the BFEPSTM Program and beyond," said Tom Piotrowski, VP, Clinical Informatics at Clarity Group, Inc.

Current BFEPSTM membership includes 103 hospitals from 17 states, with more being added on a regular basis.



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