Patient Safety At The Heart Of New National Collaborative Effort

The Sullivan Group, a leading provider of clinician solutions to reduce medical errors and malpractice claims, launched its National Risk & Safety Collaborative today at the ASHRM Annual Conference. The Collaborative was created to extend The Sullivan Group's framework for evidence-based e-learning, software and services.

Dr. Dan Sullivan, president and CEO of The Sullivan Group, states, "Collection and analysis of 12 years of medical error data proved that there needs to be a deep, systemic change in medical systems and processes in order to keep patients safe and reduce medical errors at the point of care. We all know that missing a single detail can be lethal, so risk management must be real-time and occur at the bedside. With our National Risk & Safety Collaborative, we are leveraging our success and proven methodology in emergency medicine to other high-risk practice areas."

The National Risk & Safety Collaborative represents the culmination of Dr. Sullivan's vision for a broad-based system solution for the national medical error and patient safety problem. Preventable medical mistakes and infections are responsible for about 200,000 deaths in the U.S. each year, according to an investigation by the Hearst media corporation. The Sullivan Group's successful Emergency Medicine solutions have been shown to reduce medical errors by up to 50 percent, which in turn decreases malpractice claims and associated financial losses.

Three fundamental components to The Sullivan Group's "Risk, Safety, Quality Cycle" are incorporated in all of the solutions developed by the Collaborative, which will include a Collaborative Champions program. Renowned doctors have joined with the goal of expanding solutions for reducing medical errors and malpractice claims into the areas of obstetrics, surgery, hospitalist medicine, pediatrics, family practice, stroke, internal medicine, medical-legal, emergency ultrasound, toxicology and triage. Each Champion is working to create a scalable solution to the patient safety and risk issues for his or her specialty and build it into the fabric of delivery of medical care. This is not a "one size fits all" solution. Each Champion will work with The Sullivan Group to develop a multi-faceted, patient-centric approach that is specific to his or her specialty and is focused on the point of care.

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