Quality and Safety at Nationwide Children's Hospital

Nationwide Children's Hospital is working as an organization and as a partner in broader efforts to increase quality and improve patient safety in pediatrics with the goal of improving outcomes and decreasing long-term costs of care.

Zero Hero Safety Initiative

The hospital is driving toward zero hospital-acquired preventable harm by 2013 through its Zero Hero initiative.

- :: Trained more than 85 % of staff in its first year.
- :: 100 % of staff targeted for ongoing training.
- :: The goal of zero preventable harm was unprecedented for a children's hospital when Zero Hero was launched in 2009.

Ohio Children's Hospitals Safety Efforts

Working together with Ohio's other children's hospitals, Nationwide Children's CEO Dr. Steve Allen and quality and safety leaders have helped lead key efforts that are improving quality in children's hospitals around the state.

- :: Using a **Medical Response Team** protocol for preventable codes, cardiac and pulmonary arrests occurring outside the neonatal and pediatric Intensive Care Units, the hospitals have **reduced incidences of preventable codes by more than 46 percent to date**, sustaining this level over two years.
- :: The hospitals have worked with the Ohio Department of Health and the Hospital Measures Advisory Council to **develop specific pediatric measures for public reporting**.
- :: The hospitals are now working together to **reduce Serious Safety Events and create a statewide patient harm index for children**.

In ten months, across eight hospitals:

Surgical Site Infections –50%

Adverse Drug Events –33%

$3.08 million saved

4841

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