

*care*Learning Reaches 1 Million Mark

*care*Learning announced that more than 1 million courses are being taken by more than 100,000 hospital employees nationwide through the online learning system. These courses include the 13 Health and Safety Compliance Series courses, designed to meet OSHA and JCAHO standards; more than 240 courses in the *care*Learning catalog; and private courses (Organization-specific courses taken in addition to the Health and Safety Compliance Series courses).

*care*Learning is an online education system operated by 42 hospital associations that has been operational for nearly five years. Currently, nearly 170 hospitals nationwide use the system to meet mandatory education requirements; obtain additional training on specific topics unique to staff positions; obtain continuing education for licensure requirements; track educational records, licenses and certificates; store demographic information; print rosters, name badges and certificates for programs presented in their organization; and gain additional revenue by authoring courses.

In an effort to serve more health care professionals, *care*Learning offers Webinars. Webinars use a telephone line to transmit the speaker's voice and participant's questions; the Internet broadcasts the speaker's presentation. Webinars allow your organization to provide educational opportunities to multiple individuals for one low price, and no one has to leave the building. Webinars range in length from 60 to 120 minutes. Program topics currently include coding, compliance, disaster preparedness, financial aspects of health care, and leadership.

"We're more than an 'e-learning' company," said Craig Jones, President of the Oklahoma Hospital Association and *care*Learning Chairman. "We help bring educational solutions to our members." Jones went on to say that the system is a "cost-effective way for hospitals to gain education for their employees and to take advantage of administrative monitoring and tracking features that go well beyond a typical web site course."

Congratulations to the following organizations for enrolling in Health & Safety Compliance:

First Year

Ashley County Medical Center, AR • Citizen Medical Center, MO • Great River Medical Center, AR
Marshall County Hospital, KY • Memorial Hospital, KS • St. Helena Parish Hospital, LA

Second Year

Clarke County Hospital, IA • Livingston Hospital & Health System, KY • Paulding County Hospital, OH
Nevada Regional Medical Center, MO • Pointe Coupee General Hospital, LA
Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital, MO

Third Year

Helen Newberry Joy Hospital, MI • Lower Umpqua Hospital, OR

Fifth Year

Habersham County Medical Center, GA • Harms Memorial Hospital, ID

Quick Fact: *Since launching in 2001, the number of organizations using careLearning has doubled each year. Thank you for your participation!*

Course Spot.lights

Basic Concepts of Mechanical Ventilation

This course will provide learners with an overview of the basic concepts necessary for proper initiation and maintenance of a patient receiving mechanical ventilation. A health care provider caring for patients receiving mechanical ventilation can be both challenging and rewarding. The greatest challenge facing the health care provider is understanding how and why a patient should receive mechanical ventilation.

To register for this course, go to www.carelearning.com and click on “Courses” then “Patient Care” then scroll down to this course.

Medication Administration

Medication errors are not only costly to your organization but life threatening, accounting for more than 7,000 deaths a year. This course will examine standard precautions; safe practices; administering of oral, injectable, and intravenous medications; and common causes of medication errors.

To register for this course, go to www.carelearning.com and click on “Courses” then “Nursing” then scroll down to this course.

New Voice on the Tech Support Lines

careLearning is proud to announce that Chris Stewart has joined the Tech Support team. The next time you call tech support, please be sure to welcome him.

Confusion: Managing Challenging Behaviors

Confusion is a common condition, particularly among the elderly. Confused patients act in ways that can be challenging for busy health care workers. They may resist bathing, eating and toileting; sleep during the day and wander during the night; and/or become agitated and irritable. This course will explore specific strategies to help manage the challenging behaviors of those suffering from confusion.

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HIPAA Privacy Standards: Guidance for Executives

The Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information (Privacy Standards) under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) have had a profound effect on how health care providers, health plans and health care clearinghouses do business. This course provides background on the Privacy Standards and their place within the HIPAA Administrative Simplification provisions, summarizes the provision of the final Privacy Standards and suggests ways of tackling HIPAA compliance in your organization.

To register for this course, go to www.carelearning.com and click on “Courses” and “Compliance” then scroll down to this course.

careLearning is a non-profit organization owned by 42 hospital associations, including the **YOUR ASSOCIATION** and the American Hospital Association. Its sole purpose is to develop and deliver a range of just-in-time training and education for health care providers.

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