

Wisconsin Gets Organized

The following organizations have enthusiastically accepted Don Berwick's challenge to join hands with IHI and launch the unprecedented **100,000 Lives Campaign**.

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These organizations have agreed to form a “Node” to disseminate powerful improvement tools, with supporting expertise, throughout the Wisconsin health care system. The campaign aims to enlist thousands of hospitals across the country in a commitment to implement changes in care that have been proven to prevent avoidable deaths. The campaign is starting with these six changes:

- Deploy Rapid Response Teams...at the first sign of patient decline
- Deliver Reliable, Evidence-Based Care for Acute Myocardial Infarction...to prevent deaths from heart attack
- Prevent Adverse Drug Events...by implementing medication reconciliation.
- Prevent Central Line Infections... by implementing a series of interdependent, scientifically grounded steps.
- Prevent Surgical Site Infections...by reliably delivering the correct perioperative antibiotics at the proper time.
- Prevent Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia...by implementing a series of interdependent, scientifically grounded steps.

The following is a summary of current plans for how the organizations will carry out their responsibilities as a node member.

Node responsibility #1: Raise awareness within the network about the campaign, and drive enrollment.

- MetaStar will send a letter to each of the hospitals that have signed up for the campaign—currently 46 in the Wisconsin network---to communicate the Node members’ commitment, responsibilities and plans.
- MetaStar will develop an exhibit, with the logos of each organization, supporting the campaign.
- MetaStar will promote enrollment at state conferences using the above described exhibit, IHI brochures, presentations etc. Plans are for displaying at the W-ONE conference in LaCrosse, March 30-31.
- Each organization will disseminate information about the node formation in their respective member newsletters and meetings. They will encourage enrollment in the campaign and the node activities as they develop.
- WHA will use the 100,000 Lives theme in its annual Quality and Safety Forum.

Node responsibility #2: Connect facilities in the Network to one another, and convene the Network regularly

- MetaStar will establish monthly conference calls with the Network hospitals.
- Member organizations will participate in the conference calls and specific agenda items as they develop.
- Network hospitals will be specifically invited to node activities.

Node responsibility #3: Coordinate provision of technical assistance for the interventions

- MetaStar will conduct interventions/activities to be developed to support the Deliver Reliable, Evidence-Based Care for Acute Myocardial Infarction, the Prevent Surgical Site Infections, and the Prevent Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia changes with funding from its Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) contract.
- MetaStar will conduct a Central Line Infection Initiative starting with a workshop on June 27, 2005 followed by three monthly conference calls to support the Prevent Central Line Infections change. This project which will include nationally known speakers be conducted using MetaStar funds.
- PSW and WHA are conducting a Medication Reconciliation project. This project, which includes the Madison Safety Collaborative, WI Heart Hospital and Mercy Hospital plans to meet five times every 6 weeks beginning in April. They will be using tested models, tools and templates for spread.
- RWHC offers their RWHC Roundtables as a venue for intervention discussions.
- Other interventions such as a Rapid Response Team Initiative tbd. This change presents a good opportunity for the nursing organizations leadership.

Node Responsibility # 4: Provide a communication relay point between Network hospitals and the Campaign

- MetaStar will ask the Network hospitals about their preferred method of communication.
- MetaStar will set up a list-serve to support communication.

Node Responsibility #5: Identify and respond to emerging issues, both within the Network and in reaching out to other Nodes.

- MetaStar has made a contact with Qualis Health, the Washington state QIO, to learn details about organizing their network and other activities in their Node.
- Member organizations will respond to issues as they emerge.

Node Responsibility #6: Track campaign progress and help facilities in the Network to track their progress.

- MetaStar will attend the field operations conference call on April 7 which will focus on measurement.
- MetaStar has determined that the measures in the QIO warehouse can be rolled up by patient to produce the measure bundles needed to track progress on the AMI and Surgical Site Infection Prevention changes.

