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HANYS RELEASES FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND VIDEO EDUCATION SERIES TO SAVE LIVES, IMPROVE PATIENT CARE

CD/DVD Set Details Six Proven Medical “Best Practice” Procedures

ALBANY, N.Y.—The Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS) today announced the release of a first-of-its-kind video education series that focuses on six medical best practices proven to save lives and improve patient care. The series, which has been distributed to every hospital in the state, provides a valuable educational tool to the state’s health care providers, who are leading the nation in implementing the six techniques.

The six topics detailed in the series are the core elements of a national effort known as the 100,000 Lives Campaign, conceived and spearheaded by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI). HANYS served as New York’s statewide coordinator, or “node,” for the IHI campaign. The New York node was one of the largest and most successful in the nation, involving more than 175 organizations that together exceeded the IHI target goal for New York by 15%—saving more than 6,000 lives.

The six topics presented in the HANYS video series are:

- Treating acute myocardial infarction;
- Preventing adverse drug reactions;
- Preventing central line infections;
- Preventing surgical site infections;
- Preventing ventilator-associated pneumonia; and
- Developing rapid response teams.

“New York’s hospitals continually seek new ways to improve patient care and save lives,” HANYS’ President Daniel Sisto said. “Their committed participation in the IHI campaign and their success in implementing these techniques is another in a long series of initiatives our hospitals have undertaken to improve their knowledge and techniques, and ultimately their ability to provide better patient care.

“HANYS is as committed as our members to improving care and we recognized the IHI campaign as an opportunity to provide all the hospitals in the state with a concrete tool that will enable them to more simply and consistently engrain these techniques into their training curricula and practice.”

The series features the medical staffs of several New York hospitals that have championed the six interventions and achieved significant improvements in patient care as a result. The videos include detailed personal instruction, round table discussions, and actual physical demonstrations of the techniques.

Notably, the HANYS-produced video series was comprehensive enough to earn the approval of several leading medical education accreditation providers in the nation. This designation authorizes patient care and medical staff who view the videos to qualify for the following continuing medical education credits:

- CME, Continuing Medical Education
- CNE, Certified Nursing Education
- CPHQ, Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality
- ACHE II, American College of Healthcare Executives

The New York State Assembly provided a significant portion of the funding for the video project, which was filmed in hospitals across New York State (see below) during the latter half of 2006. Other partners included the New York State Department of Health, the Medical Society of the State of New York, IPRO, and the New York State Nurses Association.

The following New York health organizations contributed their time, talent, and expertise to make this series possible:

- Albany Medical Center Hospital
- Benedictine Hospital (Kingston)
- Cayuga Medical Center at Ithaca
- New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation—Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center and Bellevue Hospital Center
- NewYork-Presbyterian Healthcare System—Columbia University Medical Center and Weill Cornell Medical Center (New York City)
- North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System—Franklin Hospital, Forest Hills Hospital, Long Island Jewish Medical Center, and University Hospital at Manhasset
- Rochester Regional Healthcare Association
- Seton Health—Ascension Health (Troy)
- St. Joseph Hospital—Catholic Health System (Buffalo)
- Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester Medical Center