



## MOSBY'S HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED CONDITIONS & MEDICATION SAFETY: PREVENTING MEDICAL INCIDENTS IN THE ACUTE CARE SETTING

The recent decision by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to no longer reimburse for care resulting from a number of common medical incidents means that the direct cost of healthcare unintended events has never been higher. In fact, the total average cost per hospital stay of treating just four of CMS' no-pay adverse conditions exceeds \$240,000. In today's environment, provider organizations that fail to create effective safeguards to prevent these "Never Events" will pay a steep price.

**Mosby's Healthcare-Associated Conditions & Medication Safety** is a new course that focuses on the prevention and management of critical issues that can threaten the financial stability of provider organizations. The 12-lesson course is designed to address both the new CMS no-pay adverse conditions and the Joint Commission's 2009 National Patient Safety Goals.

### Current CMS no-pay hospital-acquired conditions include:

- › Stage III and IV pressure ulcers
- › Patient falls or trauma resulting in serious injury
- › Catheter-associated vascular infections
- › Catheter-associated urinary tract infections
- › Patient retention of a foreign object after surgery or death
- › Mediastinitis following coronary artery bypass graft
- › Blood incompatibility



### The Joint Commission's 2009 National Patient Safety Goals addressed in the course are:

- › Effectiveness of caregiver communications
- › Safety in using medications
- › Risk of healthcare-associated infections
- › Safety risks related to the patient and the environment

### Hospital-wide Learning

By focusing on preventable patient conditions that are linked directly to regulatory standards, the lessons provide acute care hospitals with a systematic educational framework for reducing and eliminating costly adverse events across the care environment. The lessons offer a total of 16.8\* continuing education contact hours and are appropriate for acute care RNs and LPN/LVNs, as well as respiratory therapists, radiology technologists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and other allied health professionals.

With Mosby's Healthcare-Associated Conditions & Medication Safety, your organization will be equipped to deal effectively with the conditions and situations that pose the highest risk for error, including the hazards of medication errors, and thus will be in a position to mitigate potentially punishing financial risks to the organization.



## LESSON TITLES IN MOSBY'S HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED CONDITIONS & MEDICATION SAFETY INCLUDE:

- › Antithrombotic Therapy
- › Central Venous Access Infection
- › Communicating/Transcribing Med Orders
- › Infusion Therapy: Pediatric Safety
- › Moderate Sedation
- › Pneumonia
- › Polypharmacy in the Elderly
- › Pressure Ulcers
- › Safe Use of Insulin
- › Surgical Site Infections
- › Urinary Tract Infections
- › Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia

### Realistic Case Studies

All lessons contain a variety of multimedia elements, including text, tables, audio, and animation. A wide range of self-check learning activities with feedback, posttests, and rationales for correct and incorrect answers help learners engage with the content, test their knowledge, and identify areas requiring further study. And, detailed case studies and vignettes offer successful examples of error avoidance to strengthen clinicians' decision-making and critical thinking at the point of care.



### Anywhere/Anytime Learning

Like all of Elsevier/MC Strategies' e-learning courses, Mosby's Healthcare-Associated Conditions & Medication Safety provides unmatched flexibility by offering self-paced, anywhere/anytime learning that helps eliminate scheduling conflicts and costly, off-site travel. Staff educators and administrators can track the learner's progress, view testing results, and customize the continuing education program to meet individual staff needs. Transcripts and other related documentation are produced and retained for administrative and individual record-keeping through Elsevier/MC Strategies' Learning Management System, an education platform specifically designed for healthcare settings that now provides education to more than 2.5 million learners.

### A Changing Environment

As CMS expands its list of no-pay hospital-acquired conditions, commercial carriers likely will follow suit and stop reimbursing for care associated with a growing list of medical errors. For providers unable to control common mistakes, the costs will be substantial. Contact MC Strategies today to learn how we can help your organization create educational safeguards to reduce and eliminate costly mistakes.

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