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Patient safety has always been important to health care workers. And all clinicians believe they deliver the best care to patients. However, recent studies have shown that hundreds of thousands of patients die each year in hospitals because of hospital error. Something as simple as a clinician not washing their hands can give a patient a blood stream infection that could take a life and all too often does.

Patient Safety Seminar

27th February 2012

Venue: LSBU Southwark Campus, London SE1 OAA **Cost:** £170

In this seminar, patient safety leader Eric Vohr will share with you some of the important topics and information that is covered in his book, *Safe Patients, Smart Hospitals: How One Doctor's Checklist Can Help Us Change Health Care from the Inside Out* co-written with patient safety researcher Johns Hopkins physician Dr. Peter Pronovost.

He will also share some of the tools that have been developed at Hopkins and used to improve safety, such as Dr. Pronovost's Comprehensive Unit-based Safety Program (CUSP), which eliminated central line-associated blood stream infections in the entire state of Michigan.

Participants will build CUSP teams and go through exercises that help clinicians develop 'lenses' for identifying defects in care that harm patients. Participants will

be encouraged to share their views on safety and engage in the patient safety process. Safety is not a top-down program but starts with the clinician at the bedside where care meets patient. Safety is not about teaching a set program that just adds work to an already busy day, it's about providing tools that enable health care workers to creatively develop safety practices that uniquely fit their work or 'Unit' hence the name Comprehensive Unit-based Safety Program.

Patient safety is topic that has engaged the entire world of health care. This will arguably be one of the most important classes of your training. Health care is about saving lives and preventing harm. And just as the technical knowledge we acquire is crucial to this goal, so is safety.



Eric Vohr



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