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**IHA QUALITY CARE INSTITUTE
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Chief Quality Officers
Chief Medical Officers
Chief Nursing Officers

FROM: Cathy Grossi, Vice President, Quality/Health Policy & Regulation

SUBJECT: New AIMS Sepsis Quality Improvement Initiative:
Informational Web Conferences August 4 and 9

The IHA Quality Care Institute is pleased to announce an exceptional opportunity for member hospitals to participate in the Assessment of Improvement Methodology in Sepsis (AIMS), a three-year research and quality improvement initiative scheduled to start in September. Principal investigators from Brown University and New York University along with faculty from the Surviving Sepsis and IHI Critical Care Campaign will serve as the leaders, faculty and advisors for the initiative.

Sepsis is the leading cause of death in non-coronary care intensive care units and has a mortality rate of 30-50%. It also is the leading cause of death in hospitalized patients.

The research module of the program will be done in the first 18 months. Hospitals will be randomized into two cohorts: the control cohort will receive traditional medical and nursing education on sepsis management; the intervention cohort will receive education on a collaborative approach to improving sepsis management. All participating hospitals will be in the subsequent 18-month sepsis improvement collaborative.

To facilitate data collection, each hospital will receive a free laptop and a modified version of the surviving sepsis database. Faculty members will provide materials and support to make start-up as simple as possible. This is a multi-state initiative with our colleagues at the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS), who will coordinate web conferences and some website components.

You are invited to an informational web conference with the faculty on either:

Thursday, August 4, 2011 – 1:00-2:00 p.m. CDT (2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT)

OR

Tuesday, August 9, 2011 – 9:00 -10:00 a.m. CDT (10:00-11:00 a.m. EDT)

[Click here](#) to register for the August 4 session. Registration deadline is Aug. 2.

[Click here](#) to register for the August 9 session. Registration deadline is Aug. 5.

Following the conferences, we will send out a registration link for interested in participants. For more information, contact [Tim Philipp](#) at 630-276-5682.