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“NEWSLETTER”

President’s Address:

This past month’s educational program “Supply Chain in the Surgical Suite” focused on a part of our hospitals that could be responsible for up to 50% of our supply expense. Thanks to our four speakers, Carolyn Michaels from Carefusion; Mike Ferris and Alan Anderson from MHS and Lauren Belliveau from O & M Solutions for sharing their accumulated knowledge and experience with us and identifying opportunities for future savings and relationship building. Thank you to all our vendors for their support to make this event possible.

Our next program is scheduled for June 22nd and is called “Separating Fact from Fiction in Vendor Credentialing: An Overview of Vendor Credentialing” sponsored and presented by Vendormate. Details will be available on our website shortly.

It’s that time of year again and the HMMS-NJ John Brede memorial Golf Outing will celebrate its 5th year on September 20th at Cranbury Golf Club in West Windsor, NJ. We once again look forward to a great day of eating, drinking, laughing and some good and bad golf. Our program sponsorship information will be out soon. Please contact any of our Board members to volunteer.

Thank you for your continued support of HMMS-NJ.

Steve Faup
President, HMMS-NJ

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Update by Patrick Stewart, Vice President of Communications:

The Pictures tell it all. See some of the comments, and all positive.

Winner of 32" Flat Screen TV - Marta Rosado

Winner of Electronic Reader – Aracelis Lopez

Winner of Nixon Home Depot Card – Deborah Rossi

"I appreciate the opportunity to be involved with the HMMSNJ meeting. It was a great opportunity to meet with Materials personnel in a setting outside the OR. It was also a great venue and I found the topics of discussion very interesting and poignant to today's changing healthcare environment."

Dear Steve,

"Thanks for the great program yesterday and the opportunity to promote our new Outlet Store. The TV lottery was a great idea and I am following up on leads now."

"Food – Excellent and a great selection. Prizes – All wanted the TV. Great choice. Room set up – Looked good and the vendors could listen as well."

Educational and Special Events update by Ned McDowell, Vice President of Education:

Ned McDowell completed the third stage of the CMRP education. Good luck to all who take the test.

Update by Jean DeFino, Vice President of Correspondence:

Joint Commission Approves New Patient Safety Goal for Hospitals

The Joint Commission has approved one new National Patient Safety Goal for 2012, which requires hospitals and critical access hospitals accredited by the organization to implement evidence-based practices to prevent catheter-associated urinary tract infections by Jan. 1, 2013. The goal (NPSG.07.06.01) is not applicable to pediatric populations. For more information, visit www.jointcommission.org.

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Urge Your Legislators to Protect Funding for Hospital Services under Medicare and Medicaid

NEED ACTION FROM... Hospital Leaders

ACTION...Tell your Congressman and Senators to protect hospital payments under Medicare and Medicaid

WHEN...Immediately

HOW...Call or send email to your legislators

WHY...Debt limit legislation could be vehicle for cutting healthcare

The primary focus in Washington continues to be on the national debt. The raising of the federal debt limit must take place by Aug. 2 in order to prevent the nation from defaulting on its existing financial obligations, which experts claim would have a catastrophic effect on our economy.

Legislation to increase the debt limit to avoid such an outcome is likely to be a vehicle for significant efforts to reduce the deficit through spending cuts and/or tax increases. Given that Medicare and Medicaid comprise more than 20% of all federal spending - and, on average, around 55% of hospital revenues - the debate over federal debt limit and deficit reduction has significant implications for the hospital field. Read full [AHA Advocacy Alert](#).

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