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Consortium postpones conference to Sept 18 and reschedules keynotes

In keeping with government guidance and at the request of a number of our member organizations, the Nursing Consortium of South Florida has postponed its planned Spring conference until the Fall. Mark your calendars for September 18 and make plans to join us then at the Signature Grand in Davie for what will surely be an extraordinary learning and networking opportunity.

"There was great enthusiasm for [Supporting High Performing Bedside Nursing; Addressing the Challenges to Superior Care](#) as evidenced by more than 80 that had already registered a month and a half prior to the conference," noted Ralph Egües, NCSF executive director, "but the current environment dictated that we reschedule." Fortunately both **Donna Wright**, professional development specialist, consultant, and author of [The Ultimate Guide to Competency Assessment in Health Care](#), and Daisy Foundation Co-Founders and authors of the new book [Shining the Light On All the Right](#), **Bonnie and Mark Barnesh** have agreed to speak on the new date. [Register now](#) at super early-bird rates as low as \$75.00 for employees of Consortium member organizations. Broward Health is the presenting sponsor. For additional sponsor and exhibitor opportunities, please [click here](#).

South Florida healthcare systems providing free virtual exams for coronavirus

Baptist Health South Florida and the Memorial Healthcare System are offering **FREE online access** to doctors trained to screen for COVID-19 and make recommendations for care. To use the BHSF service online please [click here](#) and enter code CARE19. For free use of the [MemorialDocNow](#) services through the end of March please [click here](#), complete the registration form, and enter "MemorialCares" after registration when asked for a coupon code. Both services have doctors available 24/7 to diagnose symptoms, evaluate your risk, write prescriptions and give advice to relieve symptoms. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention encourages people who may be experiencing symptoms similar to those of COVID-19 to stay at home and now those doing so can consult a doctor.

Leadership in a crisis

A recent report from McKinsey & Company by [Gemma D'Auria](#) and [Aaron De Smet](#) gives leaders important insight to dealing with the extraordinary demands they are facing from the impact of the coronavirus pandemic now and beyond. The article examines the massive scale of the outbreak and recommends five leadership practices that can help leaders respond effectively. Please [click here](#) to read more.

Coronavirus guides for work, school, home, and public places

Many neighbors, family, and friends are likely to be stressed about the latest news, but these [simple to follow guides](#) for a range of settings should help calm nerves and empower everyday citizens wanting to do their part in protecting themselves and others. **Pass it on!**

RWJF seeks proposals for new leadership of the Culture of Health Prize Informational Webinar on March 26

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is seeking new leadership and management of their Culture of Health Prize. The Foundation is asking for proposals from non-profit or for-profit organizations, colleges or universities or other public entities. Two contracts will be awarded: one related to planning and one to implementation, for up to \$3.9 million. Applicant organizations must show how they will bring strategic and innovative spirit to enhance the national impact of the Culture of Health Prize program. For eligibility requirements, [click here](#). To learn more and ask questions you can participate in an [informational webinar](#) scheduled for March 26, 2020 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

Broward Health sets new visitation rules

In an effort to improve protection for patients and visitors during the coronavirus pandemic, Broward Health has set new rules for visiting. The number of visitors entering the hospitals will be limited and the following new visitor protocols are now in place until further notice:

Each patient is allowed one visitor per day, and it must be the same person during the established morning and evening hours. Pediatric and maternity patients may have up to two visitors per day. Visitors who are experiencing cold or flu symptoms are asked to refrain from visiting patients. In addition, visitors who have traveled to China, Japan, South Korea, Italy or Iran in the last 14 days or have been in close contact with someone who has traveled to these countries are asked to defer their visits. Please [click here](#) to read more.

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JFK Medical Center North

Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital

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Mariners Hospital

MedPro Staffing

Memorial Healthcare System

Memorial Hospital Miramar

Memorial Hospital Pembroke

Memorial Hospital West

Memorial Regional Hospital

Memorial Regional Hospital South

Mercy Hospital

Miami Dade College Benjamin León School of Nursing

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Nicklaus Children's Hospital

Northwest Medical Center

Nova Southeastern University Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing

Palm Beach Atlantic University School of Nursing

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Palms West Hospital

Plantation General Hospital

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47 practices for improving patient safety at healthcare facilities

"[Making Healthcare Safer III](#)," a new report from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) reviews 47 practices that improve patient safety in hospitals, primary care practices, long-term care facilities and other healthcare settings. The [47 patient safety practices](#) (PSPs) are categorized in major topic areas, such as: Medication management; Healthcare-associated infections (HAIs); Nursing-sensitive practices; Procedural events; Diagnostic errors; and Crosscutting factors.

These areas include PSPs such as clinical decision support technologies, use of rapid-response teams, special hygiene and disinfection interventions to prevent HAIs, and several practices designed to prevent medication errors and reduce opioid misuse and overdose. Please [click here](#) to read more.

Lessons to be learned from treating coronavirus "patient one USA"

Fierce Healthcare Executive Editor [Tina Reed](#), tells the story of coronavirus "Patient One USA" in this incisive report that focuses on lessons to be learned from the first confirmed case of the disease on US soil. Patient One USA was treated at Providence St. Joseph hospital in Everett, Washington. This hospital features a Biocontainment Evaluation and Specialty Treatment Center (B.E.S.T) which had gone through an operations drill just a few weeks prior to the patient's arrival. The B.E.S.T. unit was alerted when the patient with the virus went to one of the urgent care centers operated by the health system, where the patient said they recently returned from visiting family in Wuhan, China, and had a fever and a cough. Tests sent to the CDC came back positive for COVID-19 and the patient was immediately hospitalized at the B.E.S.T. center. Please [click here](#) to read more.

External shelters for coronavirus to be set up at West Palm Beach VA Medical Center



The West Palm Beach VA Medical Center is taking extra precautions for the health of Veterans, employees, volunteers and contractors, in response to the current coronavirus crisis.

The medical center is setting up an external medical shelter to prepare for any potential influx of Veterans seeking treatment for coronavirus. The medical center's Western Shelter is a portable structure that can quickly be set up and can remain in use for weeks to months. The shelter will be set up on the Northeast corner of the medical center's grounds near Military Trail. This structure has been a staple in the medical center's emergency equipment resource cache for several years. Veterans concerned they may have symptoms of COVID-19, flu or cold should contact the VISN 8 Clinical Contact Center at 1-877-741-3400 (toll free) before coming to a VA facility.



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