UPMC St. Margaret
UPMC St. Margaret Harmar Outpatient Center
Patient Safety Committee Minutes
Thursday, October 11, 2012
8:00 a.m. – Cafeteria Dining Room B

PRESENT:  
Daryl Bortz  
Jack Carroll  
Dylan Flipse, MD  
Elizabeth Forsberg, PharmD  
Sharon Fritzley BSN, RN  
Amy Haugh MLS  
Tanya Hoebel MSN, RN  
Marge Jacobs MSN, RN  
Blaine Lester RT, MA  
Herman Marini – Hospital Community Representative  
Ron O’Neill PharmD  
Jan Peitz – Harmar Community Representative  
Sue Reed MT (ASCP)  
Dawn Vocke MSN, RN

ABSENT:  
Sue DiNucci BSN, RN  
Kathy Fowler BSN, RN  
Lisa Graczyk MSN, RN  
Alvin Kinsel – Hospital Community Representative  
Mary Jo Klebine RN  
Cheryl Lenhart BSN, RN, MHA  
Jackie Morgan BSN, RN  
Janine Sharer MSN, RN  
Tamara Waner BSN, RN

CALL TO ORDER
The October 11, 2012 meeting of the UPMC St. Margaret and UPMC St. Margaret Harmar Outpatient Center Patient Safety Committee was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Jack Carroll, Chairman.

REVIEW OF MINUTES
The minutes of the September 13, 2012 Patient Safety Committee Meeting were reviewed. A couple of typos were noted. With those changes being made and acting on a motion by Daryl Bortz which was seconded by Blaine Lester, the minutes were approved.

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Jack Carroll reviewed the Incident Summary Report for the month of August 2012. There were a total of 11 reports entered into Riskmaster. These were reviewed in some detail. There was one surgical site infection for the month and also one patient fall in the waiting area which was reported through PA PSRS.

HOSPITAL INCIDENT SUMMARY AND FOLLOW UP REPORTS
Jack Carroll reviewed the Incident Summary Report for the month of August 2012. There were a total of 292 Riskmaster reports. There were no serious events reported for the month. The committee discussed hospital acquired infections in general and also events number: 676141, 673332, 673405 and 674965.

The committee also discussed Emergency Department event number 676442. This will be deferred until next month’s meeting when the follow up report is available.

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Of the 292 Riskmaster events, 63 were also entered through PA PSRS. These included 52 incidents and 11 infrastructure failures.
INFECTION CONTROL COMMITTEE
Jack Carroll reviewed the infection reports for the months of July and August 2012. For the month of July there were 6,148 patient days and 14 hospital acquired infections for a 2.3 per 1,000 patient days rate. For the month of August there were 6,442 patient days and 14 hospital acquired infections for a 2.17 per 1,000 patient days rate. The breakdown of infection by service was reviewed.

MEDICATION SAFETY
Liz Forsberg reviewed the Medication Incident Report for the month of August 2012. There were a total of 33 reports, 11 of them being prescribing or order issues.

She also reviewed the medication events based on severity for the 13 months of August 2011-August 2012 and reviewed the 6 month trend of medication incident reports by reported credentials noting that Pharmacists report the most incidents, probably due to the number of prescribing/order issues.

Liz also reviewed current drug shortages being dealt with and summarized the activities of the September 12, 2012 Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee Meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY COMMITTEE
Daryl Bortz presented the summary of environmental tours conducted from August 14th - September 18, 2012. There were a total of 10 departments reviewed, 7 were patient care areas. A total of 79 issues were identified, 48 safety issues, 10 housekeeping issues and 21 infection control issues. There were no unusual or extraordinary hazards noted.

Mr. Bortz also reviewed the Performance Improvement Report which was presented to the Environmental Safety Committee at its meeting of September 28th. There are goals for each of the 7 management plans including safety, security, medical equipment, fire, hazardous material, emergency and utilities management. Daryl gave a summary indicating that all of our goals are being met.

PRODUCT RECALL REPORT
Dawn Vocke discussed a recall on a Neptune Suction Device. There was a death elsewhere related to improper use of this device which required us to provide additional education to our Operating Room personnel.

NURSING QUALITY REPORT
Sharon Fritzley reviewed the inpatient nursing unit fall occurrences for the months of July, August and September as well as the injuries and severity for those falls. She also reviewed hospital acquired pressure ulcer rates per 1,000 days for July, August and September and for the fiscal year to date. Sharon summarized the hospital acquired pressure ulcers by unit and by site frequency. Finally, Sharon presented interesting data on Laboratory requisition errors.

Sue Reed noted that the Emergency Department has now installed label printers in each patient treatment area which should reduce the incidents of improper labeling.

JOURNAL ARTICLES
Amy Haugh provided five interesting articles for review by the Patient Safety Committee. These included "Quality and Strength of Patient Safety Climate on Medical–Surgical Units", "A Strategy to Improve Nurses Speaking Up and Collaborating for Patient Safety", "Hospital-Acquired Pressure Ulcers: Results from the National Medicare Patient Safety Monitoring System Study" "Technology-related Medication Errors in a Tertiary Hospital: A 5-year Analysis of Reported Medication Incidents" and "Patient Safety Reporting Systems: Sustained Quality Improvement Using a Multidisciplinary Team and "Good Catch" Awards".

OTHER BUSINESS
Dawn Vocke commented on the efforts being undertaken to deal with the current procreation of stink bugs in the area.

NEXT MEETING
The next meeting of the UPMC St. Margaret and UPMC St. Margaret Harmar Outpatient Center Patient Safety Committee will be held on November 11, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.