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For every problem there is a solution. For every patient, a caregiver who does everything they can to help the patient heal. Yet, despite our best efforts, in the next 24 hours nearly 5,500 patients will get sick due to infections they acquire while in the hospital. In a single week, 40 surgeries will be performed on the wrong body part, site or even patient. And this year alone, more than 400,000 medication errors that harm patients will take place. These errors are devastating for everyone...patients, families, and caregivers alike.

We are all aware of these problems, but lasting solutions remain just out of our reach. As doctors, nurses and other health care professionals, we know that treating the symptoms is not the answer. To achieve broad scale change, health care organizations need a new, collaborative approach that addresses the specific causes of each of these chronic problems. Fortunately a groundbreaking approach that does just that now exists.

Introducing the Healing Healthcare Partnership. Launched by the Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare, the Healing Healthcare Partnership is a campaign that brings together health care providers and leaders in business and industry—working hand in hand—to inspire and facilitate much needed change. And it's already making a difference against one of health care's toughest challenges, hand hygiene. Hospitals and

health care systems across the country identified causes and designed and tested solutions to improve poor hand hygiene. The results speak for themselves.

On average, compliance within these hospitals rose from 48% to 82%. More importantly, some hospitals found zero health care associated infections during that time. And today, more than 1,000 health care organizations are in the process of adopting these proven hand hygiene solutions and achieving similar success.

Building on these incredible results, the Center's Healing Healthcare Partnership is taking aim at other crucial challenges in health care. Like improving hand-off communications as patients move between hospital departments and other health care settings, preventing surgical site infections and taking steps to stop wrong site surgery from ever happening. The Center is also working to improve the quality of life for patients with chronic conditions by ensuring fewer complications and preventing avoidable hospitalizations. And developing solutions to prevent patient falls that result in injury, as well as creating a culture that fosters safety and empowers staff. Even better, this is all being provided at no additional cost to the participating organizations.

For every problem, there is a solution. By working as one, we will overcome these challenges and achieve success on a sweeping scale. Together, we can transform the quality of health care for patients everywhere. Together, we can inspire change.

Together, we can heal health care.

HEALING HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP

A partnership dedicated to improving patient safety and lowering the cost of health care.

With the right tools we can save millions of lives. And with your participation...we will.

To learn how you can become part of the solution and join this lifesaving cause, visit healinghealthcarepartnership.com.