Patient Safety Conference – York Racecourse 2017

This year our Patient Safety Conference took place on the 9th July 2017. Colleagues, both internal and external, were invited to submit abstracts to celebrate their contribution to patient safety and healthcare improvement. There were 124 abstracts accepted for poster display covering themes such as measuring and monitoring patient safety, patient centred care, teamwork and prevention of deterioration and harm.

The three winning poster were;

Wound Care Audit In Residential Homes

A scoping exercise was completed to ascertain how many pressure ulcers there are in residential homes in the Scarborough and Filey region. This work was in line with the national ‘React to Red’ campaign, to aid in identifying priorities in preventing pressure ulcers in this setting.  
Author: Gemma Hancock, Tissue Viability Prescribing Nurse Specialist

A pilot training programme for the On Call Emergency Respiratory Physiotherapy Service at Scarborough Hospital

The Emergency Respiratory Physiotherapy Service at Scarborough Hospital have introduced a 12 week training programme to enable new starters and less experienced staff to achieve the competencies required to take part in the on-call rota, increasing the numbers from 49% of staff to 74%, this has enabled the team to provide a sustainable, safe service.  
Authors: Ben Richardson & Laurence Webb

Using simple clinical tools to improve nutrition and effectiveness of patient care

Following a hip fracture, malnutrition is associated with impaired post-operative recovery and poorer overall outcomes. The MDT on Ward 25 have established a new process to improve nutrition in this cohort of patients. Physiotherapists now aim to weigh the patients the day after surgery; patients receive a high protein supplement unless contraindicated and are reviewed weekly by the Dietitians.  
Authors: Michael Harkness, Consultant, Paul Hanna, Dietitian, Carmen Nusco, Dietitian

All of the accepted abstracts can be read in full at;  
https://learninghub.yorkhospitals.nhs.uk/course/view.php?id=1855