



Health Industry Business Communications Council

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HIBCC Launches Patient Safety ListServ

PHOENIX, ARIZONA (July 29, 2003) – The Health Industry Business Communications Council (HIBCC) has announced the establishment of a ListServ in support of the Patient Safety Systems Task Force.

Established in 2003, the goal of the Patient Safety Systems Task Force is to work with the healthcare community to determine how best to support the development and implementation of open system standards which promote patient safety and aid in the reduction of medical errors. The Task Force is comprised of provider representatives including clinicians, pharmacists, administrators, material managers, and information technology specialists and is chaired by Mr. Kevin Kite-Powell, R.Ph, Pharmacy Director of St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston, Texas. Kite-Powell currently serves on the Board of the American Society for Automation in Pharmacy (ASAP).

Through the Patient Safety ListServ, members will be provided a forum for facilitating discussion about the needs of the industry relative to information technology systems and for achieving consensus on the focus of the Task Force's efforts. The Task Force welcomes participation from the healthcare community at-large in these discussions. To learn more or to participate in the Task Force, contact HIBCC directly at (602) 381-1091, or via e-mail at info@hibcc.org.

Established in 1984 by leading U.S. healthcare associations, HIBCC has developed and maintains a system of open standards that address the specific needs of care-giving environments. Through the use of the HIBC Supplier Labeling and Provider Application Standards healthcare institutions are provided a standardized method of collecting and labeling information about a patient's care. HIBCC and the HIBC Standards are both accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Copies of the HIBC Standards are available on the HIBCC web site at www.hibcc.org.

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