The Joint Commission & CMS Environment of Care Update 2016

Program Overview

This one-day program will provide valuable information for those individuals who are responsible for creating effective Environment of Care, Emergency Management and Life Safety programs and must understand the 2016 Joint Commission survey methodology and changes to the standards. Information will be provided in a format so that the attendees will be able to implement a practical, continuously compliant program in healthcare facilities and achieve maximum performance while effectively preparing for unscheduled Joint Commission surveys. Attendees will also receive specific guidance in how to understand and interpret the most serious deficiencies that are common in many surveys. Practical examples will also include an explanation of “best practices” that will help to move your own program to the top and guarantee success. Handout materials will include 2016 scoring sheets and Joint Commission survey checklists as well as forms, worksheets and sample policies that can be easily adapted to your own program. Sufficient time will also be provided during each section for questions and discussion.

Program Objectives

1. Review how the Joint Commission team will evaluate and score the surveys during 2016.
2. Outline changes to the 2016 standards that may affect your survey outcome.
3. List the specific responsibilities of each of the survey team members, including the expanded role of the Life Safety Surveyor.
4. Discuss how to achieve “Continuous Compliance” and overcome the most common deficiencies cited in the Environment of Care, Emergency Management and Life Safety areas.
6. Explore how to incorporate “best practices” to enhance your existing programs.
7. Outline how to use proven ideas and techniques to achieve survey success.

Who Should Attend

Healthcare staff from hospitals, ambulatory care centers, clinics, nursing homes, mental health facilities and other health-related organizations that are required to comply with the Joint Commission Physical Environment standards.
About the Speaker

Gary Slack, President, Healthcare Engineering Consultants
Gary Slack has more than 25 years of experience in the health care field in areas of teaching, research, clinical engineering and technology, and regulatory management. He has worked in the regulatory compliance area with hundreds of health care institutions in the public and private sectors and also has developed and provided Joint Commission “EC” seminars for the American Society for Healthcare Engineering, state hospital associations, as well as regional, state, and local hospital organizations. Gary has published many articles and written or contributed to five books that focus on “Environment of Care”- related topics.

Which individuals will benefit from this training?

Accreditation coordinators, safety officers, risk managers, quality management and performance improvement directors, facility and engineering managers, directors of security, staff with hazardous materials and emergency management responsibilities, biomedical engineering managers, fire safety professionals in healthcare, infection control practitioners, and administrative and clinical staff who are responsible for or manage others with Environment of Care, Emergency Management and Life Safety responsibilities.