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Program Overview

This presentation will review the top findings from regulatory surveys, mitigation strategies, upcoming changes in accreditation focus and standards, and trends in patient safety opportunities and emerging issues. Our presentation will not only cover the clinical aspects of regulatory surveys but also those in the physical environment.

Compliance with regulatory and accreditation requirements is not simply one more thing that needs to be done. They are foundational to our quality and patient safety programs. Using your organization's operational infrastructure to drive accreditation and regulatory compliance is essential. Maximizing the use of current data streams and monitoring processes supports a more efficient and effective approach, leading to more robust use of the collected data and a more comprehensive improvement plan.

Join the Courtemanche & Associates Consultants as they discuss tips, strategies, and tools to assess and monitor your organization's operational infrastructure to optimize accreditation and regulatory compliance, share current trends in survey findings, and provide important information on new requirements in the pipeline.

Program Objectives

1. Identify 3 mitigating strategies in complying with accreditation and regulatory standards found during survey.
2. Identify 2 opportunities to leverage the operational infrastructure to better support regulatory and accreditation activities.

3. Discuss 2 emerging trends that may impact organizations in compliance with regulatory standards.

About the Speakers

Chris Pratt, MS, BSN, HACP, is a Senior Consultant with Courtemanche and Associates with more than 39 years of clinical and leadership experience across varying healthcare positions from the bedside to the Boardroom. In this role, he is responsible for assessing healthcare organizations' readiness for licensing, accreditation, and regulatory compliance. He is trained in the survey process, auditing approach, and survey outcome determination used by The Joint Commission, DNV, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and other regulatory agencies and accrediting organizations. He assists organizations with post-survey activities, education, patient safety strategies, and quality improvement initiatives, and has experience in various health care settings, including acute care, behavioral health, and ambulatory care.

Micheal Miller, BS, CSP, CHSP, CLSS-HC, CHFSP, LSSYB is an EC/LS Consultant with Courtemanche & Associates, bringing over 14 years of experience in the physical environment and life safety across multiple hospital systems, with roles ranging from Safety Officer to Executive Director. In this role, he is responsible for assessing healthcare organizational readiness for licensing, certification, accreditation, and regulatory compliance, specifically related to the Environment of Care, Life Safety, and Emergency Management requirements. He assists organizations with survey preparation, educational needs, post-survey activities, follow-up, patient safety strategies, and quality improvement initiatives.

Target Audience

All hospital staff involved in achieving and sustaining accreditation and regulatory compliance or facilitating quality and patient safety initiatives, such as Hospital Leaders, Physicians, Infection Prevention & Control Practitioners, Quality Management Professionals, Patient Safety Professionals, Nursing Staff & all healthcare disciplines.