# Purpose in the Patient/Family Centered Experience

City Wide Orientation

## Why Patient Experience Matters

- As an integral component of health care quality, patient experience includes several aspects of health care delivery that patients value
  - getting timely appointments,
  - · easy access to information, and
  - good communication with health care providers.

Patient
Experience
vs Patient
Satisfaction

**Patient Experience** is finding out from patients whether something that should happen in a health care setting (such as clear communication with a provider) actually happened or how often it happened.

**Patient Satisfaction,** is about whether a patient's *expectations* about a health encounter were met.

## Patient Experience Leads to Quality Outcomes

- A positive patient experience is an important goal in its own right.
- Substantial evidence points to a positive association with several important health care processes and outcomes.
  - Patient adherence to medical advice
  - Improved clinical outcomes
  - Improved patient safety practices
  - Lower utilization of unnecessary health care services.
- Combining patient experience measures with other measures of quality is critical to creating an overall picture of performance.

### Patient/Family Experience

- Understanding the perspective of the patient and family.
  - Patient/Family- Centered
- HCAHPS measures most correlated with a positive experience and outcomes
  - Centers for Medicare/Medicaid measuring tool that surveys discharges - began in October 2006
  - HCAHPS Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems
    - Collection of data from discharges
    - Ultimate will compare the data between hospitals
    - Holds Hospitals accountable for patient experience

#### HCAHPS Measuring Tool

#### Measuring Tool Consists of:

#### **Composite Topics**

- Communication (Q 1, Q2, Q3)
- Doctor's Communication (Q5, Q6, Q7)
- Responsiveness of Hospital Staff (Q4, Q11)
- Communication About Medicines (Q16, Q17)
- Discharge Information (Q19, Q20)

Do you see your purpose?

## HCAHPS Measuring Tool (cont)

#### Individual Items

- Cleanliness of Hospital Environment (Q8)
- Quietness of Hospital Environment (Q9)

#### Global Items

- Overall Rating of Hospital (Q21)
- Willingness to Recommend Hospital (Q22)

Do you see your purpose?

Know your Purpose in Patient Experience!

## Know your Purpose!

#### **Composite topics:**

- Communication of Healthcare Provider (Phy, Nurses, YOU)
  - Treatment with <u>courtesy and respect</u>
  - Listened carefully to me
- Responsiveness of Staff
  - Call bell answered timely
  - Assistance with toileting needs
- Communication about Medications
  - Provider/Staff explained medicine in a way I could understand
  - Provider/Staff clearly described side effects

## Know your Purpose!

#### Composite topics (cont):

- Discharge Information
  - Discussed help needed after patient left hospital
  - Written symptoms/health info provided
- Care Transition
  - Took my health care preferences into account
  - Good understanding of my responsibilities in managing my health
  - Understood purpose of medications

#### Individual Items

- Cleanliness and Quiet
  - Room and bathroom kept clean
  - Area around room kept quiet at night

## Know your Purpose!

#### **Global Items**

- Overall Rating of Hospital (Q21)
  - Using any number from o to 10, where
     o is the worst hospital possible and 10 is
     the best hospital possible, what
     number would you use to rate this
     hospital during your stay?
- Willingness to Recommend Hospital (Q22)
  - Would you recommend this hospital to your friends and family? Would you say...

#### **Key Points**

- Patient's perspective valued as being important Introduce and manage up the on-coming nurse
- If a new diagnosis or test results occur, give the information the patient is aware of during Bed Side Report.
- Check the equipment and supplies in the room (IVs, monitors, availability of emergency equipment)
- Relieve the patient/family anxiety
- Do not use negative connotative language
- Exclude opinions