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Our North Star Goal:

Oregon will have the safest health care system in the country by 2010.

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E-Form Training Begins!

Registration E-mails to be Sent This week

We're pleased to announce that webinar training for adverse event reporting will be available in several sessions this month.

Training objectives include:

- Review reportable adverse events
- Learn how to submit reports using the new E-form
- Understand reporting requirements (make your reports complete, thorough and credible)
- Engage with other participants; ask questions of Field Coordinator Amy Gryzniec

To allow the greatest possible participation, we've scheduled four webinars. Sign up for only ONE as it fits your schedule:

- Wednesday, February 18, noon-1:00 pm
- Tuesday, February 24, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
- Thursday, February 26, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 6, noon-1:00 p.m.

You'll receive four E-mails from Amy on Thursday February 5 announcing each session; **it is only necessary to reply to the one for the session you prefer.**

If you are unable to attend one of these sessions, please contact Amy. She will gladly add another training session. She is also available for one-on-one training.

Please contact Amy if you have any questions.

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Reporting Update

Currently, the Commission has only 11 reports of serious adverse events from its 107 participating nursing homes. An E-mail with the subject line, "Patient Safety E-Form Attached" was sent to each participant on December 11 or 12. The email included an individualized reporting form, with the confidential facility code pre-entered, and a guide to

reporting. The email asked each participant to review incidents from 3rd and 4th quarters of 2008 and then submit reportable events to the Commission. This request was intended to re-invigorate nursing homes to report serious adverse events to the Commission.

If you have not already done so, please review incidents from the 3rd and 4th quarters and submit any reportable serious adverse events to the Commission, using the new E-form, by Friday, March 13.

We look forward to receiving your 2009 serious adverse event reports within 30 days of discovery. Thank you for your active participation. [Return to Top](#)

Patient Safety Awareness Week, March 8-14

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PATIENT SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK
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Each year, the National Patient Safety Foundation recognizes the importance of patient safety during Patient Safety Awareness Week. This week is an opportunity for you to educate your staff, residents and families about patient safety. You are encouraged to plan events that promote and share your commitment to patient safety. Some ideas include:

- Conduct the Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality's ([AHRO](#)) Nursing Home Survey on Patient Safety Culture
- Include a reminder about Patient Safety Awareness Week & safety tips in bills & paychecks; let your staff & residents know you are a Commission participant
- Start a safety suggestion box for staff, residents & families
- Publicly recognize & promote your Safety Committee
- Use the Commission's inservice game, "Who Wants to be a (Patient Safety) Millionaire" during a staff meeting in March

The Commission is eager to hear about your safety successes. What have you done to improve your safety culture this year? How have you made measurable improvements in safety resulting in fewer medication errors, a decrease in injury falls, an increase in reported incidents, etc.? Please send your safety successes to [Amy](#).

For more information about Patient Safety Awareness Week and a FREE toolkit, please visit the [National Patient Safety Foundation website](#).

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