**Chapter Overview**

**Background:**
- The Georgetown University Open School Chapter was founded in 2010 by Georgetown University Hospital Internal Medicine Resident, Daniel Alyeshmerni, MD, School of Nursing & Health Studies student, James Cervantes, and faculty advisors Bernard Horak, PhD, Eileen Moore, MD, and Patricia Coonan, PhD.
- The mission of the Chapter is to create a community of future healthcare professionals focused on learning and applying the principles, methods and tools of quality and process improvement and patient safety.
- The vision of Chapter is to improve health outcomes and patient safety through interdisciplinary learning, project design and implementation.
- The values of the Chapter include collaboration, innovation, integrity, and respect.

**Membership:**
- The Georgetown University Open School Chapter includes students from within the School of Nursing & Health Studies as well as the School of Medicine.
- The Chapter works collaboratively with MedStar Georgetown University Hospital (MGUH).

**Challenges:**
- The Chapter’s biggest challenge is ensuring we remain a valuable resource for Georgetown University’s students. In order to this we must:
  - Engage a wide variety of students in the Chapter’s events and activities
  - Offer quality improvement projects for students to join
  - Maintain a solid leadership team that will allow for fluid changes as student leaders graduate and move forward in their careers.
  - Secure funding for Chapter events and activities
- In order to address these challenges the current leadership team met at the end of Summer 2015 in order to:
  - Combine forces between existing IHI student leaders and student leaders from another student group on campus that was also focused on quality improvement and patient safety
  - Clarify leadership roles and responsibilities
  - Discuss possible events for the upcoming year
  - Make a calendar of events for the Fall semester
- The Chapter would appreciate any tools or tips from other Chapters that experience these challenges and how they mitigate them while also consistently growing and improving each year.

**Accomplishments:**
- The Chapter’s students have been involved in quality improvement projects that have focused on CLABSiS, VTE Prophylaxis, Hands-off Communication, Discharge Process, Multidisciplinary Rounds, Core Measures, Falls and Mobilization, and more.
- A notable past event that the Chapter sponsored was in June 2012, which was titled “Putting the Patient First: Providing Healthcare that is Patient Safe and Patient Centered”. The event brought in speakers Carolyn Clancy, MD, Director of AHRQ, and Donald Berwick, MD, former Administrator of the CMS and former President/CEO of IHI.
- Through Georgetown University’s Masters in Health Systems Administration (MHS) Program, students obtain their Basic Certification through the IHI Open School and then go on to obtain their Lean Six Sigma Green Belt.
- The medical school quality improvement and patient safety (QIPS) curriculum spans the four years of medical school. The QIPS thread is woven through the first and second (preclinical) years of the curriculum. Students start with an introduction to Patient Safety, followed by a day long safety Immersion in August of the third year and a Safety OSCE in the fourth year.

**Upcoming Activities**
- The Chapter plans on holding the following events during the Fall 2015 semester:
  - Lunchtime Event on 11/10 with MGUH Risk Management Team
  - Patient Safety Storytelling Event on a TBD date with MGUH’s VPMA and CNO
- In addition, the Chapter leadership will hold biweekly meetings for planning purposes.

**Chapter Leadership**

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**Faculty Advisors**

- The Georgetown University Open School currently has two Faculty Advisors, who are instrumental to the sustainability of the Chapter. They attend weekly meetings for the Center for Patient Safety at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital (MGUH) in order to stay abreast of current challenges and improvements, as well as to be aware of any opportunities for students to get involved on a quality improvement project.
- They serve as valuable mentors for QI projects, Chapter events, and overall professional development.

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