Healthcare Organization Commitment

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Commitment Details

**Commitment Name**
Improving the Prevention of Severe Hypoglycemia

**What Patient Safety Challenge does your Commitment address?**
Challenge 3C - Severe Hypoglycemia

**How Many Hospitals Will This Commitment Represent**
38

**Commitment Summary**
Severe hypoglycemia can be life threatening and often is associated with increased morbidity, mortality and length of stay in the hospital. The inappropriate management of blood glucose in the hospital can result in severe hypoglycemia and is often avoidable.

Commitment Description & Detail
Dignity Health has focused on reducing severe hypoglycemia for the past five years. The approach has been, amongst many efforts, a full scale education to the standardized basal bolus order sets as well mealtime coordination of insulin. Practice variations have been identified that have contributed to low blood glucose. Those variations were addressed at facility levels but shared on monthly calls that focus on the management of blood glucose. The use of toolkits and frequent data sharing has also facilitated our improvement.

Action Plan
• Standardized Basal Bolus order set • Standard approach to meal time coordination of insulin • Education to all clinicians • Standard Hypoglycemia protocol • Monthly submission of results • Monthly analysis of all outliers • Monthly webinar with current results • Monthly discussion of best practices • Glycemicare Module integrated into the EHR • Monthly upload to eQUIPs and analysis of aggregate data

Commitment Timeline
This is an on going focus for our organization