

Hospital Initiatives

David Hoffman & Associates assists hospitals with compliance with regulatory requirements and the implementation of innovative geriatric care and patient safety models. Some examples include:

- **Restraint Use** - Despite regulations and professional standards discouraging use of devices and practices that restrain patients, some hospitals continue to struggle with creating and/or maintaining a minimal restraint environment. We assist hospitals in conducting an industry-wide review of policies and procedures that focus on patient safety. We also assist with self-evaluation by conducting on-site review of restraint usage coupled with testing of staff understanding of rules governing restraint usage.
- **Innovative Geriatric-Care Models** - We offer training and education regarding the creation of a geriatric unit or functional equivalent, with specialized equipment and training. Emphasis is placed on proper policies and training in an effort to assist physicians and nurses to ensure patient safety.
- **Medication and Care Errors** - We assist hospitals in implementing an institutional culture in which staff feel comfortable to report medication and care errors. Additionally, we provide consultation on how to conduct system checks and balances to ensure that drugs with similar names not being used improperly.
- **Use of Agency Staff** - We assist hospitals in creating a system for ensuring that agency nurses are qualified and educated on the facilities' policies and procedures to ensure compliance.
- **Development of Quality Assurance Program** - We elevate care to a compliance level that ensures a meaningful quality assurance program. We work with hospital risk managers, compliance officers and quality assurance personnel to test QA programs for regulatory compliance and patient safety.

All projects are evaluated for purposes of testing the interventions offered and the resulting feedback from the client. This evaluation may include analysis of patient outcomes, implementation issues associated with the recommendations offered by us, published papers, and/or client, patient, resident satisfaction analyses.