

## **On going Projects of the Foundation for Patient Safety in Switzerland**

### **CIRRNET: Critical Incident Reporting & Reacting Network**

This project started in January 2006 and comprised two processes to bring forward the patient safety in hospitals. One process is the build-up of a networking between local CIRS-Systems of 24 pilot-hospitals in Switzerland. Local medical errors are summarised in a central databank to identify nationwide problems in patient safety. Experts define nationwide problems from the database, analyse them in working groups and work out recommendations for the hospitals. In the other process the Foundation of Patient Safety in Switzerland did a survey regarding the problems in patient safety that experts still identified and realised in their daily business in hospitals. So we have two control processes we work with to identify problems in patient safety and make recommendations to improve the patient safety in Swiss health care.

### **Systematic Incident Investigation & Analysis Training**

The Foundation of Patient Safety in Switzerland organised in cooperation with the Department of Surgical Oncology & Technology of the Imperial College London a Systematic Incident Investigation & Analysis Training. This training qualified the participants from different organizations of health care to analyse medical errors in their own organizations. The focus lay at the pragmatic exercise of a case study and showed how to use different analysis tools. In the future the Foundation will adapt this course on the Swiss national conditions in health care. After the adaptation this course will be offered again.

### **Clean Care – Swiss Hand Hygiene Project**

The Foundation of Patient Safety supported the Swiss Hand Hygiene Project of the Swiss NOSO (association of Swiss hygiene experts). This Project based on a multimodal hand hygiene campaign with a measure of the compliance regarding the indication of hand disinfection. More than 100 hospitals participated at this project. The results after the campaign give the evidence to be on the right path. But further efforts are necessary especially to gain sustainable results. The Swiss Foundation of Patient Safety evaluated this campaign and developed in cooperation with SWISS-NOSO a business plan Clean Care for further interventions to prevent nosocomial infections.

### **Flyer “Communication with patients and their relatives after an adverse event”**

The right communication with patients and their relatives after an adverse event is important for the subsequent treatment and for all the parties. Therefore the Foundation for Patient Safety developed a flyer to this important context in cooperation with the Swiss Association for Anaesthesiology & Reanimation. Following the statement of the Harvard Hospitals “When Things go Wrong” we adapted the recommendations to the Swiss national conditions to publish the flyer to health care organizations.

### **Flyer “Wrong Site Surgery”**

In cooperation with the Alliance of Patient Safety in Germany we developed a flyer for correct site surgery or operative interventions. This document reveals step by step the important points to prevent wrong site surgery. The Swiss Insurance Association in Surgical Organization supports this project.