

### Schedule

- 7:30 am Registration, Exhibits
- 8:00 Overview
- 8:15 Legislative Update: Individual States and National (*Piazza*)  
Washington SPH Website (*Silverstein*)
- 9:00 Keynote: Implementing Change (*Nelson*)
- 9:50 Break, Exhibits
- 10:20 Successful SPH Programs
  - Overview and Facility Design (*Gamble*)
  - Hazard Assessment (*Pickett*)
  - Staff Involvement (*Eisenman*)
- 12:00 pm Lunch (*provided*), Exhibits
- 1:15 Challenges and Strategies: Breakout Workshops
  - A) Implementing and Maintaining Successful SPH Programs (*LaSalle, Knutsen*)
  - B) Hazard Assessment (*Pickett, Gamble*)
  - C) Equipment Selection (*Simmons, Enos*)
  - D) Training (*Murphy, Rickerson*)
- 3:00 Break, Exhibits
- 3:15 Workshop Reports and Summary
- 4:00 Adjourn

### Location & Accommodations

Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center  
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# Creating a Culture for Safe Patient Handling: The Washington Law and Beyond



April 30, 2008  
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and Washington State Safe Patient Handling Steering Committee

## Safe patient handling programs are critical

to the well being of both patients and healthcare employees. Washington's pioneering 2006 safe patient handling legislation has focused greater attention on the necessary elements for effective SPH programs. This conference will bring together national experts and Washington hospital direct care staff who are developing and implementing SPH programs to discuss both the challenges and successes. Specific topics include:

- Legislative update
- Assessing hazards
- Designing of facilities for safe patient handling
- Managing change and gaining involvement
- Purchasing the right equipment
- Effective training

The program is structured to promote participation and help attendees get their questions answered. A vendor fair will run the entire day with exhibits of equipment, supplies, and programs.

## Who Should Attend

Nurses and other direct care workers, nurse managers, physical and occupational therapists, ergonomists, hospital administrators, union representatives, employee health managers, risk managers, quality managers, and patient advocates. The Washington legislation affects all hospitals in the state, large and small, but much of the program content will also be of value to those in long-term care and other health care facilities.

## Accreditation

Professional credit will be available for nurses and other direct care staff, physical and occupational therapists, industrial hygienists, safety and environmental health professionals. Physicians may apply this course toward Category 2 CME credit.

## Speakers

**Keynote: Audrey Nelson, PhD, RN, FAAN.** Director, VISN 8 VA Patient Safety Center of Inquiry, Associate Chief Nursing Service for Research, James A. Haley VA Hospital, Tampa, FL

**Dan Eisenman, BA SpCm.** Leadership Development Consultant, MultiCare Health System, Tacoma, WA

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