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Founder and
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Dear Potential member hospital,

We would like to invite your hospital to join an exciting international QI initiative, The Global Tracheostomy Collaborative (GTC).

Antony Narula
Board Chair
London, UK

As you know, patients with tracheostomies are at high risk for preventable adverse events. A growing body of literature demonstrates that, sadly, patients and families often experience disorganized and fragmented care. Such fragmented care increases the risk of adverse events, and frustrates patients and families.

Tanis Cameron
Vice-Chair
Melbourne,
Australia

Several hospitals around the world have demonstrated that a set of quality improvement strategies, implemented hospital-wide, can reduce the risk of adverse events – in some cases by up to 90%.

Michael Brenner
Treasurer
Ann Arbor,
Michigan USA

These steps include:

Board of Directors

- Weekly rounds by a dedicated multi-disciplinary tracheostomy team
- Institution-wide standardization of care
- Staff training and assignment such that a trach-competent provider is always available in an emergency
- Involving patients and families in care design
- Collecting data and tracking outcomes in a standardized manner

Ed Marram
Wellesley, MA
USA

Al Smith
New Caanan, CT
USA

The Global Tracheostomy Collaborative was formed in order to:

Nan Smith
New Caanan, CT
USA

- Rapidly disseminate these improvement strategies to hospitals world-wide
- To form a learning community of tracheostomy care professionals, patients and families
- To provide our member hospitals with a secure, privacy-law-compliant, and easy to use database to track their outcomes

Marcia Wagner
Boston, MA
USA

The GTC provides our member hospitals with a comprehensive program to radically improve tracheostomy care. Hospitals joining the GTC have demonstrated remarkable outcomes such as:

Erin Ward
Methuen, MA
USA

Continent Leads

- A 20% reduction in serious adverse events within 12 months of joining (p<.05)
- A 20% reduction in length of stay within 12 months of joining (p<.05)
- Cost savings of around \$15,000 per admission within 12 months of joining

Tanis Cameron
Australia

The GTC program has been shown to work in academic, private, tertiary and community hospitals – and we are confident it will work for you!

Brendan McGrath
UK

David Roberson
USA

I have included materials explaining how to join the GTC. Please visit www.globaltrach.org for more information. I would be delighted to set up a call to tell you more about the GTC. If you would like to learn more, please contact me or our Executive Director Diane O'Toole at: dotoole@globaltrach.org or 781-929-6182, and we can schedule a phone conversation at your convenience.

Best Regards,

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