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**LCMC Health Presents National Patient Safety & Quality Colloquium
Healthcare leaders share valuable insights with hospital leadership teams**

New Orleans, LA (December 8, 2015) – On December 1-2, 2015, LCMC Health presented the system’s first *National Patient Safety & Quality Colloquium*. During the two-day conference, held in University Medical Center New Orleans’ Conference Center, over 125 senior leaders and Board members representing Children’s Hospital, West Jefferson Medical Center, University Medical Center, New Orleans East Hospital and Touro attended and gained valuable insights, practical applications and proven methods from leaders in the healthcare industry.

“As LCMC Health has experienced great and considerable growth over the last year, one thing remains constant – our commitment to providing quality care to the thousands of patients who walk through the doors of our hospitals and clinics each year,” stated Gregory C. Feirn, CEO of LCMC Health. “With patient safety and clinical excellence as core pillars of our LCMC Health values, continuing education is a priority to assist with our senior leadership’s efforts to drive the adoption of a safety culture. We were eager to welcome renowned experts who provided insight on clinical excellence topics from infection control and patient safety to service excellence and patient safety flow.”

“LCMC Health will continue to inspire and provide plenary and didactic focus on tools for affiliate execution of the principles of culture, data and leadership,” stated Lisa Gore, Chief Clinical Excellence Officer of LCMC Health. Expert speakers included James J. Augustine, MD, FACEP; Toni G. Cesta, PhD., RN, FAAN; Gerald B. Hickson, MD; Jake Poore; Tracy G. Sanson, MD, FACEP; and Ronald M. Wyatt, MD.

Additionally, attendees heard from Sorrel King, a mother who lost her 18-month old to medical errors. Author of *Josie’s Story*, Ms. King has become a nationally renowned patient safety advocate. She hopes that Josie’s story will inspire change and create a better, safer healthcare industry for us all.

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About LCMC Health

Established in 2009, [LCMC Health](http://www.lcmchealth.org) is a Louisiana-based, not-for-profit hospital system serving the healthcare needs of the Gulf Coast region. LCMC Health currently manages Children's Hospital, Touro, New Orleans East Hospital, University Medical Center New Orleans and West Jefferson Medical Center.

Cutlines:

Photo #1 Safety Colloquium - (from left to right) Joe Epling, senior director of Nursing-Critical Care; Mary Kelly, senior director of Nursing-Medical/Surgical Unit; E. Roslyn Pruitt, Director, Quality Safety Risk Accreditation; Dr. Peter DeBlieux, Chief Medical Officer; Dr. Tracy Sanson, presenter, University of South Florida's Division of Global Emergency Medical Sciences and Team Health's division of Medical Leadership Education and Professional Liaison; Dr. David Beran, LSUHSC Assistant Medical Director, Emergency Medicine at LCMC Health's National Patient Safety & Quality Colloquium on December 1, 2015.

Photo #2 Safety Colloquium – Guest speaker Sorrel King, author of *Josie's Story*, shares her family's story during one of the breakout sessions at LCMC Health's first National Patient Safety & Quality Colloquium in December 2015.