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Indianapolis Coalition for Patient Safety Names New President

Indianapolis, April 18, 2013 – The Indianapolis Coalition for Patient Safety (ICPS) has named James Fuller, PharmD, president. He will oversee operations for the non-profit public charity organization.

Dr. Fuller comes to the coalition from Wishard Health Services where he spent nearly 27 years in a number of leadership positions. Most recently, he has served as vice president of clinical support services.

“Jim has been an active participant with the coalition since its inception. He brings a wealth of experience and will be tremendously valuable as we expand our work and the visibility of the coalition’s efforts to make Indianapolis the safest place to receive healthcare in the nation,” said Dr. Charles Miramonti, chairman of the ICPS.

Dr. Fuller has served on executive and initiative-specific work groups of the coalition over the years and has led several initiatives. He replaces Carol Birk, RPh, MS, who has served in the position since the organization’s incorporation in 2009. He received both his bachelor of science in pharmacy (1986) and his doctor of pharmacy (2004) from Purdue University. He was raised in West Lafayette and graduated from West Lafayette High School, and he serves on the board of directors for several Indianapolis community organizations.

In his role at Wishard, Dr. Fuller has helped expand clinical services, implementing multiple information systems, opening the combined medical supply store, creating a Pharmacy Week partnership with Herron School of Art and Design, and enriching Diversity Advocacy Council programs and activities.

Since it was founded in 2003, the ICPS has provided a ground breaking forum for Indianapolis-area hospitals to share information about best practices and work together to solve patient safety issues in Indianapolis and surrounding county hospitals. Coalition members include Community Health Network, Franciscan St. Francis Health, Indiana University Health, St. Vincent Health, Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center and Wishard Health Services.

The coalition is comprised of chief executive, medical, nursing, quality, safety and pharmacy officers from the six Indianapolis health systems. In addition, there is participation by entities such as Eli Lilly, Indiana and Purdue Universities, Indiana Hospital Association and HealthCare Excel. The coalition is supported in part by the Lilly Foundation.

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