

# DESIGNATING OPIOID SAFE HOSPITALS

For more than a decade, Cal Hospital Compare (CHC) has been providing Californians with objective hospital performance ratings. CHC is a non-profit organization that is governed by a multi-stakeholder board, with representatives from hospitals, purchasers, consumer groups, and health plans. In effort to accelerate improvement and recognize high performance by California hospitals, CHC publishes an annual Patient Safety Honor Roll and Low-Risk C-section Honor Roll.

**To address California's opioid epidemic and accelerate hospital progress to reduce opioid related deaths, this fall CHC will designate select hospitals as *Opioid Safe* for the purpose of supporting continued quality improvement and recognizing hospitals for their contributions fighting the epidemic. CHC along with other partners will publicly recognize hospitals designated as *Opioid Safe*.**

To measure opioid safety CHC received funding from California Health Care Foundation (CHCF) to collaboratively design the *Opioid Safe Hospital Self-Assessment*. This self-assessment measures *opioid safety* across 4 domains:

1. Preventing new opioid starts
2. Identifying and managing patients with Opioid Use Disorder
3. Preventing harm in high-risk patients
4. Applying cross-cutting organizational strategies

**The self-assessment period starts May 13, 2019 and closes September 18, 2019.**

**To learn more about the *Opioid Safe Hospital Designation program* please join us for a one-hour kick-off webinar on May 9 at 11:00 am PST.** This webinar is designed for Chief Medical Officers, Chief Nursing Officers, Chief Quality Officers, Quality and Emergency Department leadership, and other individuals involved in improving opioid safety. **At the end of the webinar, participants will have:**

- Considered the value of participating in the *Opioid Safe Hospital* program
- Examined four domains of opioid safety as measured by the *Opioid Safe Hospital Self-Assessment* and exchanged strategies for evaluating your hospital's performance
- Described how to leverage *the Opioid Safe Hospital Self-Assessment* to enhance the vital work your hospital is already doing to reduce opioid related deaths
- Heard from peer hospitals the steps they have taken to implement opioid safe strategies as outlined in the *Opioid Safe Hospital Self-Assessment*
- Communicated how CHC can support hospital progress through a 4-part monthly webinar series starting June 2019



**Register online [HERE](#) for the upcoming May 9<sup>th</sup> kick-off webinar, *Addressing California's Opioid Epidemic – Introducing the Opioid Safe Hospital Program, & subsequent 4-part Opioid Safe Hospital Webinar Series***