8:00 – 8:45 Registration

8:45 – 9:00 Welcome and Introductions
Wes Smith, MD, CEO, AQAF

9:00 – 10:00 Listen and be Led: Partnering with Patients and Families to Improve Quality and Safety
Julie Moretz, family member and Vice Chancellor for Patient- and Family-Centered Care at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, will share core concepts of patient- and family-centered care, along with practical strategies that lead to improved quality and safety outcomes.

10:00 – 10:45 Successes and Challenges with Medication Reconciliation – Panel members will share their secrets of success and their looming questions and challenges regarding medication reconciliation, particularly in light of electronic health records. Panelists include Misty Sanders, RN, BSN, Clinical Analyst, and Jerry Holley, RPH, Director of Pharmacy, at Russell Medical Center in Alexander City, and Sherri Stroud, RN, C, MSN, Director of Quality Improvement/Risk Management, and Pam Shedd, Clinical Applications Manager, at Springhill Medical Center in Mobile.

10:45 – 12:15 Preventing Readmissions through Better Transitions
Dr. Matthew Schreiber, who began as a rural primary care physician, ran a hospitalist program and is now a VP for quality and safety at a hospital in Michigan, will provide his thoughts on improving transitions and then lead a panel discussion with two Alabama caregivers who have made progress in this area, Belinda Johnson, RN, Chief Nursing Officer at Russellville Hospital, Russellville, and Robin Bradford, RNC, MSN, NHA, the Chief Administrator at Highlands Health & Rehab, Scottsboro.

12:15 – 1:00 Lunch and AlaHA HEN Update
Keith Granger, CEO Trinity Medical Center

1:00 – 2:00 Identifying Patient Safety Risks & Developing Action Plans
Deborah Grimes, RN, JD, Associate VP/Chief Compliance Officer for UAB Hospital, Birmingham, and Jayme Gardner RN, BSN, Director of Patient Safety/Accreditation Services for East Alabama Medical Center, Opelika, will give an overview of how they identify their hospitals’ patient safety risks, prioritize them and then develop plans of action.

2:00 - 2:30 Focused Approach Yields Big Results in Reducing Respiratory NIMS – Patty Miller, BS, MT (ASCP), CIC, Infection Prevention and Control Coordinator and Tracy Corbett, RRT-NPS, Manager
Respiratory Therapy, at Baptist Medical Center South in Montgomery, will discuss how the hospital engaged a multidisciplinary team to address respiratory NIMs in the ICU. By changing culturing practices, enhancing the use of CHG and instituting daily rounding, they dropped their NIMs by 64 percent.

2:30 – 3:15  How to Comply with Employee Vaccination Requirements
Teresa Aikens, RN, MSN, CIC, Director of Infection Prevention at USA Medical Center, will discuss how her hospital implemented its mandatory program for employee flu vaccinations. The session will focus not only on the operational issues, but also the legal and HR factors that were considered.

3:15 – 3:30  Wrap-up: Keith Granger, CEO of Trinity Medical Center and Chairman, AlaHA Quality Task Force
3:30  Adjourn

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- Hampton Inn Colonnade, (205) 967-0002

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- Alabama Board of Nursing
- Alabama Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators
- Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy
- Alabama Board of Social Work Examiners

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