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New Project from Patient Safety Advocates Aims to Inform and Engage the Public

Empowered Patient Coalition Project Focuses on Free Patient Engagement Resources

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – The Empowered Patient Coalition 501(c)(3) announces a new project at EngagedPatients.org focusing on creating a grassroots social movement to inform and engage the public to participate in their health care experiences.

As parents with full-time careers who have worked as pro-bono patient advocates for over a decade, we have seen the evolution of patient education and engagement efforts and we know that more must be done – and quickly. Having been the worried working parent sitting next to their children’s hospital beds, the founders understand that access to immediate information is critical to safely navigating a patient through the healthcare system.

Julia Hallisy, founder of The Empowered Patient Coalition, said, “This project gives the public a vehicle to move the dial on patient engagement by standing united and being counted as members, by strengthening a social movement by sharing a common message, and by improving their lives and the lives of others through learning and action.”

Hallisy further states, “Relying solely on top-down, hierarchical health care administration or government groups to lead patient engagement efforts is unlikely to be successful. We need an informed and empowered public to guide the creation and the dissemination of the engagement tools they need to develop skills and confidence to manage their own health care.”

The success of the effort is measured by membership numbers, by the numbers of people who accept a call to action by taking a pledge, and by those who share their patient engagement stories and strategies.

Mary Ellen Mannix of James’s project and a consumer member of The Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority’s Patient Voice Board states, “Clinicians have regular access to an enormous amount of data regarding treatment options, safer care, and possible outcomes. In today’s complex healthcare world, the patient must have equal access to information. Engaged Patients is a vehicle through which vetted, evidenced-based best practices and reliable information can be directly distributed to the patients and their families. Every person who completes a brief survey about using any of the many free resources gives us the crucial data we need to show that patients want to be engaged – and that they are willing to put out a small amount of effort to make their health care better.”

For more information or to show your support, please visit www.EngagedPatients.org

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