



Marion County
Medical Multi-Agency Coordination Center
DAILY SITUATIONAL AWARENESS BRIEF
May 9, 2011



COMMON OPERATING PICTURE

Air Quality Index – **0** (good)
 Today’s Forecast – Moderate

Pollen Count – **10.3** (high)

UV Index – **9** (very high)

Radiation Level - Beta Gross
 Count Rate (CPM): **60**
 (within normal range)



Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 75. East Southeast wind between 10 and 14 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph.

Tonight: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Hazardous Weather is Not Expected Today.

THREAT ANALYSIS

A recently published study in *Health Affairs* found that serious, confirmed, medical errors occur 10 times more than normally detected, thereby impacting up to one-third of all inpatients. The study determined that the two most frequently utilized methods for detecting adverse events: voluntary reporting, and the use of the AHRQ’s Patient Safety Indicators, miss 90 percent of the adverse events. Source:

<http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/30/4/581.abstract>.

ACTION STEPS

Take action now to prevent medical errors

- [1]** Review the methods utilized in your facility to monitor patient safety events.
- [2]** Discuss the study with risk management/patient safety representative(s).
- [3]** Consider what impact the study findings may have on your current patient safety event surveillance practices.

INDY EVENTS

The following events have an expected attendance of at least 500 people. Mass gatherings are of concern to the healthcare sector for multiple reasons, including being potential mass casualty incidents as the result of natural or man-made hazards, and also provide venues for transmission of communicable diseases.

- [1]** Society of Gastroenterology Nurses & Associates (Indiana Convention Center)

HAPPY NATIONAL NURSES WEEK!



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