

NHA Services-LMC 2021 Spring/Summer Safety Webinar Series

Part 1 – Safe Patient Handling Certification

May 18, 2021
1:30 – 2:30 pm CT



Please join us for a **free** webinar for NHA member hospitals offered by NHA Services and Preferred Business Partner LMC Insurance & Risk Management.

This presentation will review the various levels and requirements of SPHM certification, as well as the benefits to both the individual and organization. A brief overview of professional development will be provided, identifying several activities for obtaining hours. For individuals interested in the Clinician and Professional levels, a brief review of how to prepare for the exams will be provided. Lastly, attendees will be able to partake in a live Q&A session.

Presenter



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Sasha M. Latvala is a Safe Patient Handling and Mobility Clinical Consultant with over 18 years of experience in acute, rehab, and long-term care settings and SPHM technology companies. She provides a broad array of SPHM services including expert witness for litigation, education and training, risk assessments, program development and implementation, expertise on the installation, and procurement of SPHM technology for renovation and new construction. She has lectured nationally on competency within SPHM education and training programs and the benefits of SPHM certification. Amid the current pandemic, Ms. Latvala has taken a greater interest in public health. She has published research on the impact of COVID-19 on SPHM. She is also currently the Primary Principal Investigator of a research study being conducted in New York State that is examining the effects of SPHM coordinators and the associations between work-related musculoskeletal injuries, proximal mental health outcomes, and patient-safety related events in ICU nurses in the age of COVID-19, with the intent of strengthening SPHM programs during the current pandemic and future public health crises. Ms. Latvala and her team have recently published the methodology for this research project in the *International Journal of SPHM*. Ms. Latvala has also taken on a supervisory role as a part of the New York State COVID-19 Contract Tracing Initiative, which has allowed her to play an active role in the pandemic.

In 2016, Ms. Latvala was a part of the URMC-Highland Hospital's Safe Handling Task Force, which received an Excellence Award for Quality & Safety for her role as Principal Investigator of a pilot program on SPHM program development and implementation. The results of her team's work were later published in the *International Journal of SPHM*. Last year, she was a contributing author to an AOHP-OSHA Alliance document on SPHM program development and implementation in the acute care setting.

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