



Professional Caregiver Focal Point of Western Michigan
Resources and Caregiver Tools to use in your everyday work with caregivers

April 2007 - This Month's Focus is Health Care Awareness.



The Ad Council, in collaboration with HHS' Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), have created a public service campaign called "Questions are the Answer: Get More Involved With Your Health Care." As part of this campaign, AHRQ also created a website that features a "Question Builder" to allow patients to select from a series of targeted questions

and print out a customized list that they can bring with them to help make their medical appointments more efficient. Through this campaign, which makes it easy to ask questions, AHRQ is hoping to make it easier and more comfortable for patients to communicate effectively with their clinicians. This interactive educational website is available at the following link: <http://www.ahrq.gov/QuestionsAreTheAnswer/>



The National Patient Safety Foundation website provides tools and resources to help patients become active members of their own health care team. Educational activities are centered on educating patients on how to become involved in their own health care. This user friendly website can be accessed at the following link: <http://www.npsf.org/>



National Council on Patient Information and Education

The National Council on Patient Information and Education is one of the original patient safety coalitions. NCIPIE works to advance the safe, appropriate use of medicines through enhanced communication. The NCIPIE website provides useful resources designed to help consumers make sound decisions about using medicines, and can be accessed at the following link: <http://www.talkaboutrx.org/>

Please forward any interesting web address, resource, educational tool, book, event or conference information to Mike Faber (mfaber@grcc.edu) by the 1st of each month.