

Summary of the 2nd American Congress by URMPM

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Union of Risk Management for Preventive Medicine (URMPM) held the 2nd American Congress during June 14-15, 2007 in Montreal, Canada, focusing on medical errors and the prevention, with nice presentations and discussion including official reports of Risk Management Committees of Canadian Government and McGill University Children Hospital, economic evaluation of patient safety devices of McGill University and Harvard University Hospitals, and patient safety activities of Montreal University Hospital and the other universities and medical sectors in Canada, the US, France and Japan.

In the summary session, the followings were discussed.

1. Medical service should be evaluated by quality and quantity aspects.
2. Low quantity of medical service generates poor accessibility between patient and medical personnel, which produces huge numbers of health risks, especially in the underdeveloped countries.
3. Establishment of some minimized standard of safe medication practices toward acceptable risk of medical errors is, practically, urgent issue in the world.
4. Safety culture is an engine of car, and the engine needs the fuel. The fuel of safety culture is motivation. Poor motivation can't generate fine safety, even under very high safety devices and system. Thus, education and training of safety is very important to improve motivation of the employees in medical facilities.

As shown in the above, the 2nd American Congress with many international participants generated a lot of important outcomes, and we greatly appreciate the Congress organizers who gave very much important opportunities for the world safety and health.

We shall meet together in the 3rd American Congress in the USA, 2009, and 3rd European Congress in France, 2009.