



*Pennsylvania Patient Safety  
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**MISSION**

Improve the quality of healthcare in Pennsylvania by collecting and analyzing patient safety information, developing solutions to patient safety issues, and sharing this information through education and collaboration.

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Safe healthcare for all patients

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PATIENT SAFETY ISSUE	POTENTIAL STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION	RESPONSIBLE	DUE
Attend to MRI Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▷ Educate personnel who send patients for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) procedures about MRI screening processes</li> <li>▷ Ensure MRI screening accounts for patients who may fail to understand the term “implant”</li> <li>▷ For every patient who has an implanted medical device, research the device’s magnetic resonance compatibility</li> <li>▷</li> <li>▷</li> </ul>		
Assess Safety Gaps in Perioperative Medication Errors Workflow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▷ Evaluate whether bar-code medication administration (BCMA) would add safety in operating room (OR) and postanesthesia care unit (PACU) medication administration processes</li> <li>▷ Evaluate efficacy of handoff practices for all perioperative care transitions</li> <li>▷ Avoid labeling empty syringes before intraoperative use</li> <li>▷</li> <li>▷</li> </ul>		
Analyze Events of High Harm Associated with Invasive Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▷ Calculate the facility-specific failure-to-rescue rate to aid improvement efforts in surgical patient safety and quality</li> <li>▷ Evaluate patient populations and procedure types for the need for specialized rapid response teams (RRTs)</li> <li>▷ Use simulation to practice the massive transfusion protocol (MTP)</li> <li>▷</li> <li>▷</li> </ul>		
Inform Continuous Improvement Efforts through Review of Deaths after Ambulatory Surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▷ Review recommendations from event reports for follow-up actions to improve patient safety at ambulatory surgical facilities (ASFs)</li> <li>▷ Evaluate and/or integrate resources provided in the article for specific, continuous improvement efforts (e.g., ASF-specific safety culture survey)</li> <li>▷</li> <li>▷</li> </ul>		
Recognize Prevalence of Events related to Mattress and Mattress Cover Contamination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▷ Ensure adequate mattress cover reprocessing</li> <li>▷ Confirm that the current checklists used by environmental services staff (EVS) include recommended procedures and materials for cleaning and disinfecting</li> <li>▷ Include regular inspection of mattresses and mattress covers in EVS checklists</li> <li>▷</li> <li>▷</li> </ul>		
Acknowledge, Understand Patient Safety Successes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▷ Celebrate the people working in healthcare, who are dedicated and eager to improve their skills</li> <li>▷ Share stories and reinforce “what went right” to help workers advance healthcare and derive personal satisfaction</li> <li>▷</li> <li>▷</li> </ul>		
Safety Story: Contribute to Patient Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▷ Acknowledge individuals—whether professionals, support staff, family members, or patients—who recognize and correct a patient safety hazard</li> <li>▷</li> <li>▷</li> </ul>		

The listed patient safety issues and abridged risk reduction strategies are derived from the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority’s December 2018 *Pennsylvania Patient Safety Advisory* ([http://patientsafety.pa.gov/ADVISORIES/Pages/201812\\_home.aspx](http://patientsafety.pa.gov/ADVISORIES/Pages/201812_home.aspx)). The full articles provide additional information, context, and strategies.