WE CAN DO BETTER WHEN WE KNOW BETTER
What we’ve done with what we know so far

2,800
ESTIMATED LIVES SAVED

$160 MILLION
ESTIMATED DOLLARS SAVED

60,000
HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS EDUCATED

3 MILLION
TOTAL REPORTS ENTERED INTO PA-PSRS

Why Reporting Matters

One person can only do so much.
The Patient Safety Authority is an independent state agency that was created to improve the quality of healthcare in Pennsylvania. Medical facilities across the commonwealth are required to report not just events that harm a patient, but also near misses and events that don’t cause harm, which occur much more frequently.

The Authority analyzes those reports and provides facilities resources to minimize the risk of error and prevent harm from recurring.

While the Authority boasts the most robust reporting system in the nation, some research suggests only three percent of patient safety events are reported. Many are unaware of this discrepancy or its significance.

Funding for Patient Safety Authority resources is provided by PA healthcare facilities, as outlined in Pennsylvania Act 13 of 2002, the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (MCARE) Act.