

A Patient Safety Champion Story at OSF Saint Anthony's Health Center

In 2017, MAPS recognized both an individual and her organization for outstanding efforts in supporting zero patient harm. MAPS announced its first recipient of the Patient Safety Champion Award, Toni Holly and OSF Saint Anthony's Health Center in Alton, Illinois. Toni, a registered nurse, recognized signs and symptoms of deep vein thrombosis in a patient who was in the midst of being discharged. She called the patient's physician and suggested additional testing be conducted before discharging the patient. The physician visited the patient and ordered more tests based on the nurse's concern. The tests showed multiple thrombi were present throughout the femoral vein and vena cava. The patient was treated, monitored, and finally released without complication.

In response to this great catch, OSF Saint Anthony's implemented processes to ensure all new admissions receive some form of VTE prophylaxis and now have pharmacists stationed on inpatient units to review medications and assist with medication selection. Toni Holly's work *contributed* to transforming healthcare as we know it today. We thank Toni and applaud her hard work and devotion to the patients, families, and providers in her community. This is a great example of a healthcare worker stepping up and advocating for the patient. Every MAPS member organization has staff who contribute and save patients from harm on a daily basis. We want to support our organization's safety culture by hearing about individuals and teams who are transforming healthcare. [Nominate](#) a champion today!

Photo: Left to Right: Helga Brake (Vice President, Quality, Safety and Health Policy); Toni Holly, RN; Carrie Pinasco (Senior Director, Quality, Safety and Health Policy) – Helga and Carrie are both with IHA's Institute for Innovations in Care and Quality. MAPS is a component PSO of the Illinois Health and Hospital Association.

