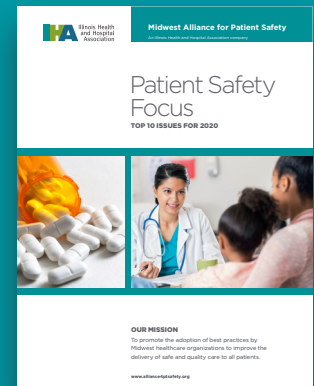


Patient Safety Focus

TOP 10 ISSUES FOR 2020

The Midwest Alliance for Patient Safety developed *Patient Safety Focus: Top 10 Issues for 2020*, a white paper that offers extensive resources for members. The top issues emerged from over 140,000 submitted events, expert input, literature review and shared learnings.



1 CARE TRANSITION HANDOFFS

Seamless handoffs are an ongoing challenge in healthcare, especially along the care continuum. A successful handoff requires careful attention and a systematic approach.

3 UNADVISED DISCHARGE

Every year, 500,000 patients in the U.S. choose to leave hospitals despite their physician's recommendation to continue care, with vulnerable populations more likely to refuse care.

2 C. DIFF INFECTIONS

Life-threatening and highly contagious, *C. diff* infections are a constant challenge for hospitals and providers. All healthcare facilities should follow 2018 *C. diff* guidelines.

4 ED BOARDING

Emergency Departments (EDs) have become the de facto first line of care for behavioral health patients in crisis. Yet EDs are not well-equipped to provide the care needed.

5 MATERNAL OPIOID USE

Opioid use during pregnancy has grown precipitously, impacting both women and infants. Researchers have identified pregnancy as a critical opportunity to identify and treat women using opioids.

7 PATIENT/FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Growing evidence shows that Patient and Family Engagement (PFE) benefits patients, providers and healthcare organizations alike. Forging these partnerships is essential to quality improvement.



6 PRESSURE INJURIES

Over 2.5 million Americans develop pressure injuries every year as a result of hospital care, making these painful yet preventable skin lesions a critical issue for patient safety professionals.

8 POST-ERROR SUPPORT

The focus of clinician error is rightly on the patient who is harmed. But too little attention is given to the significant impact on providers who cause a patient harm.

9 SOCIAL DETERMINANTS

Research shows that up to 90% of health outcomes is related to social determinants of health, such as transportation, food insecurity and interpersonal violence.



10 WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

With lives at risk, workplace violence is a significant safety issue for providers and patients. De-escalation techniques are a must-have skill for healthcare professionals.

Join MAPS PSO in addressing these key patient safety issues

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