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The Midwest Alliance for Patient Safety Announces New President
Appoints Illinois Hospital Association's Chief Health Officer Jay D. Bhatt

NAPERVILLE — The Midwest Alliance for Patient Safety (MAPS), an Illinois-based patient safety organization (PSO), announced today the appointment of Jay D. Bhatt, DO, MPH, MPA, FACP, Chief Health Officer, Illinois Hospital Association (IHA), as its president, effective June 3.

"My vision for the Midwest Alliance for Patient Safety is aligned with the board's strategic priorities to expand the organization nationally and strengthen its position as a PSO leader and advocate for patient safety by leveraging data effectively for actionable insights," said Dr. Bhatt. "I look forward to leading MAPS through a number of milestone moments, including a focus on educating members on the value of adverse event submission, the introduction of a membership patient safety excellence program and a physician engagement initiative."

Dr. Bhatt becomes the second physician to lead the PSO. He brings an extensive background in nonprofit, health care management and a passion for patient safety, data analytics and process improvement. Prior to joining IHA, Dr. Bhatt was the Managing Deputy Commissioner and first ever Chief Innovation Officer at the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH). During his tenure at CDPH, he worked with health systems, community-based organizations, and the private sector to advance population health, using big data, predictive analytics, interagency as well as multi-sector collaborations and upstream solutions anchored in innovation.

Dr. Bhatt has a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine; a Master in Public Health, Health Policy and Administration from the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health; a Master in Public Administration from the Harvard John F. Kennedy School of Government; an economics degree from the University of Chicago; and a Certificate in Predictive Analytics from DePaul University Kellstadt Graduate School of Business.

PSOs are designed to help clinicians, hospitals and health care organizations improve patient care delivery by encouraging them to share best practices and lessons learned. PSOs utilize aggregate data from multiple health care providers to identify patient safety issues quickly and allow improved early warning and communication about ways to reduce risk and improve safety.

In addition, MAPS promotes a culture of safety in a protected environment by providing:

- Full privileges & confidentiality for patient safety work product;
- Secure adverse event data-collection solutions;
- Peer networking/learning; and
- Educational tools to improve patient safety.

As part of its expanding PSO program, MAPS has teamed up with [ECRI Institute](#) to deliver PSO adverse event data collection solutions, robust educational opportunities and privilege protections provided by law. In addition, the enhanced program delivers nationally recognized PSO training, in-depth data analysis, and extensive educational tools for improving the quality of patient care.

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ABOUT THE MIDWEST ALLIANCE FOR PATIENT SAFETY

The [Midwest Alliance for Patient Safety](#) (MAPS) is a federally listed Patient Safety Organization (PSO) aligned with the Illinois Hospital Association (IHA). Since 2010, its mission has been to promote the adoption of best practices by Midwest health care organizations to improve the delivery of safe and quality care to all patients. As a non-profit organization, MAPS strives to position itself as the leading provider-sponsored PSO. Based in Naperville, Illinois, MAPS provides the opportunity to exceed standards of quality of care by providing expert clinical staff and strong programs and services focused on PSO education, strong patient-focused operations and performance improvement.

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