
What is the National Patient Safety Consortium?

Patient safety is a collective responsibility, achievable only through collaboration and drawing on the expertise of many organizations and individuals. In 2014, the Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) enhanced efforts to partner with many key organizations and patients and families to collectively accelerate the pace, spread, and scale of patient safety improvement. Bringing together key partners in Canadian healthcare to focus on some of the biggest patient safety challenges, and engaging them to align the work they are doing with some common goals, allows all of us to achieve the synergy and coordination needed to accelerate the pace of patient safety improvement in Canada. These collaborative efforts have led to the development of the Integrated Patient Safety Action Plan.

The National Patient Safety Consortium is comprised of 50 organizations from across Canada that have come together around a shared purpose – to drive a shared action plan for safer healthcare for Canadians. Representatives from government (federal, provincial and territorial), provincial quality councils, pan-Canadian organizations, health care delivery systems, professional groups and patient and family representatives form the Consortium. The Consortium is now into year two of their three year Integrated Patient Safety Action Plan.

What is the Integrated Patient Safety Action Plan?

Following the first Consortium meeting, CPSI hosted summits or roundtables in four areas of focus – surgical care safety, medication safety, infection prevention and control, and home care safety between March and November 2014 as well as a patient safety education roundtable in January 2015. Action Plans for each area were developed by meeting participants and woven together into the Integrated Patient Safety Action Plan. The Integrated Patient Safety Action Plan is built on a shared leadership model with unprecedented collaboration and partnering with patients/families as guiding principles. There are now over 100 organizations contributing collectively to the success of the plan. Leads Groups in each area of focus take responsibility for advancing the action plan in their respective area. Leadership also occurs at the action team level – where the actions are planned and implemented.

What is Our Progress?

Progress on the Integrated Patient Safety Action Plan is on track as it moves into year two of the three year plan. As of June 30, 2016, 57% of the actions that make up the Integrated Patient Safety Action Plan were completed or in progress, contributing to 35% overall progress on the plan. There is forward momentum in all areas – surgical care safety, medication safety, infection prevention and control, and home care safety between March and November 2014 as well as a patient safety education roundtable in January 2015. Action Plans for each area were developed by meeting participants and woven together into the Integrated Patient Safety Action Plan. The Integrated Patient Safety Action Plan is built on a shared leadership model with unprecedented collaboration and partnering with patients/families as guiding principles. There are now over 100 organizations contributing collectively to the success of the plan. Leads Groups in each area of focus take responsibility for advancing the action plan in their respective area. Leadership also occurs at the action team level – where the actions are planned and implemented.

About the Canadian Patient Safety Institute

The Canadian Patient Safety Institute develops evidence-informed products, provides excellent stewardship of resources, ensures clear and open communication, delivers measurable results, celebrates the successes of our partners, nurtures successful partnerships, and is passionate about safe healthcare for all Canadians.

Our Vision
Safe healthcare for all Canadians

Our Mission
To inspire extraordinary improvement in patient safety and quality system management that improve health and health care.

Our Values
Passion, respect, integrity, collaboration, excellence