

# INTEGRATED PATIENT SAFETY ACTION PLAN

Beginning with the National Patient Safety Consortium in January 2014, several meetings were held to identify specific actions to improve patient safety across the country. Primary areas of focus were surgical care safety, medication safety, home care safety, and infection prevention and control. In addition a meeting was held focusing on patient safety education. The common themes for each area of focus were identified from a pre-meeting survey and presented at the face to face meetings.

A series of interactive roundtable discussions then followed at each face to face meeting, to review the themes in detail and discuss specific actions to advance patient safety.

By the end of each meeting, participants had a sense that now is the time for action. An action plan was then developed with the active involvement of meeting participants. A number of organizations volunteered to take lead roles for specific actions. The action plans for the National Patient Safety Consortium, the Surgical Care Safety, Medication Safety, and Infection Prevention and Control summits and the Home Care Safety and Patient Safety Education roundtables weave together in the Integrated Patient Safety Action Plan.

Individually, the patient safety action plans arising from each summit and roundtable are ambitious. When the individual plans are layered together, it is apparent an integrated approach is required to ensure success for patient safety in Canada. The integrated approach will address prioritization and timing in order to maximize outcomes in all areas of focus as well as the goals and actions identified at the National Patient Safety Consortium.

The Integrated Patient Safety Action Plan is built upon an unprecedented level of collaboration and shared leadership in patient safety across Canada. The Integrated Patient Safety Action Plan is dynamic and will be updated on an ongoing basis.

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Outcome: Safer healthcare in Canada.