

# MEDICATION SAFETY SUMMIT

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## KEY THEMES

- Reporting, Learning, Sharing
- Evidence Informed Practices
- Partnering with Patients
- Technology

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“We are not, as a country, doing enough to ensure the safe use of medications.” Summit Attendee

The Canadian Adverse Events Study (Baker et al 2004) found drug or fluid-related events were the second most common type of adverse events in Canadian hospitals, accounting for 23.6% of the total. The cost attributed to

adverse drug events has been reported to be \$4,028 per event (Etchells et al 2012). Furthermore, more than half of Canadians are using prescription drugs on a regular basis with 36% taking two or more medications (Health Council of Canada 2014).

Before the Medication Safety Summit, materials were distributed to inform participants on safety events and evidence-based practices specific to medication safety. Participants completed a pre-meeting survey to identify the top three concerns or gaps in their opinion in medication safety. The common themes were identified from the survey, and presented at the face to face meetings. A series of interactive roundtable discussions then followed to review the themes in detail and discuss specific actions to advance medication safety. By the end of the meeting, participants had a sense that now is the time for action.

In partnership with ISMP Canada an action plan was then developed with active involvement of meeting participants, resulting in 4 themes and 13 actions. A number of organizations volunteered to take lead roles for specific actions. The Medication Safety Action Plan has been incorporated into the Integrated Patient Safety Action Plan.

## PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

- Accreditation Canada
- Association québécoise d'établissements de santé et de services sociaux
- Atlantic Health Quality and Patient Safety Collaborative
- British Columbia Patient Safety & Quality Council
- Canada Health Infoway
- Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technology in Health
- Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society
- Canadian Association of Chain Drug Stores
- Canadian Association of Paediatric Health Centres
- Canadian Association of Provincial Cancer Agencies
- Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse
- Canadian Home Care Association
- Canadian Institute for Health Information
- Canadian Medical Association
- Canadian Medical Protective Association
- Canadian Nurses Association
- Canadian Patient Safety Institute
- Canadian Pharmacists Association
- Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists

- College of Family Physicians of Canada
- Health Canada
- Healthcare Insurance Reciprocal of Canada
- Health PEI
- Health Quality Council of Alberta
- Health Quality Ontario
- ISMP Canada
- Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety
- Ministry, Alberta Health
- Ministry, Manitoba Health
- Ministry, Northwest Territories Department of Health and Social Services
- Ministry, Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness
- Ministry, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
- National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities
- Patients for Patient Safety Canada
- Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada