

# NATIONAL PATIENT SAFETY CONSORTIUM

January 27, 2014, November 27, 2014, and September 18, 2015

## KEY THEMES

- Patient Voice
- Leadership
- Measurement
- Communication

## NATIONAL CONSORTIUM

There is tremendous activity around patient safety in Canada. There are quality and patient safety councils in most provinces and many national organizations who dedicate all or part of their mandate to patient safety. The question inevitably follows: are Canadians getting the full benefit of all that energy?

Beginning with the National Patient Safety Consortium (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. Materials were distributed before each meeting to inform participants on safety events and evidence-based practices specific to the area of focus. At the January 2014 Consortium meeting, participants completed a pre-meeting survey to identify the value of a pan-Canadian approach to patient safety, and high level components of an integrated patient safety action plan. 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 patient safety. By the end of the meeting, participants had a sense that now is the time for action.

An action plan was then developed with active involvement of meeting participants. A number of organizations volunteered to take lead roles for specific actions. The Action Plan for the Consortium is now final, entitled Forward with Patient Safety: Commitment through Action. Findings from the National Patient Safety Consortium Report have been integrated into a draft Integrated Patient Safety Action Plan, which was reviewed at the second National Patient Safety Consortium Meeting, on November 27, 2014. The discussions continue in a third meeting of the Consortium which will be held on September 18, 2015.

## PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS (as of July 2015)

- Academy of Canadian Executive Nurses
- Accreditation Canada
- Alberta Health Services (3rd meeting only)
- Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada
- 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 Association of Paediatric Health Centres (3rd meeting only)
- Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing
- Canadian College of Health Leaders (2nd meeting only)
- Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement
- Canadian Home Care Association
- Canadian Institute for Health Information
- Canadian Institutes of Health Research
- Canadian Medical Association
- Canadian Medical Protective Association
- Canadian Nurses Association
- Canadian Nurses Protective Society (3rd meeting only)
- Canadian Partnership against Cancer
- Canadian Patient Safety Institute
- Canadian Pharmacists Association
- Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science (3rd meeting only)
- College of Family Physicians of Canada
- Health Canada
- Health PEI
- Health Quality Council (Saskatchewan)
- Health Quality Council of Alberta
- Health Quality Ontario
- Healthcare Insurance Reciprocal of Canada
- HealthCareCAN
- IPAC Canada (3rd meeting only)
- ISMP Canada
- Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety
- Mental Health Commission of Canada
- Ministry, Alberta Health
- Ministry, New Brunswick (2nd meeting only)
- Ministry, Newfoundland & Labrador Department of Health & Community Services (2nd meeting only)
- Ministry, Northwest Territories Department of Health and Social Services (2nd meeting only)
- Ministry, Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness
- Ministry, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
- Ministry, Saskatchewan Ministry of Health (3rd meeting only)
- Ministry, Yukon Health and Social Services
- New Brunswick Health Council
- Newfoundland Labrador Quality, Patient Safety Provincial Committee
- Nova Scotia Quality and Patient Safety Advisory Committee
- Ontario Hospital Association (3rd meeting only)
- Patients Canada
- Patients for Patient Safety Canada
- Public Health Agency of Canada
- Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada