

SURGICAL CARE SAFETY SUMMIT

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KEY THEMES

- Measurement and Analysis
- Access to Care
- Best Practices
- Patient Engagement
- Teamwork and Communication
- Quality Improvement Infrastructure
- Learning from Surgical Patient Safety Incidents

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The Canadian Adverse Event Study (Baker et al 2004) found a 7.5% adverse events incidence in acute care hospitals. Surgery was identified as the service most responsible for the care 51.4% of the time in these adverse events. Surgical Care Safety was one

of four primary areas of focus for the broader Integrated Patient Safety Action Plan.

Before the Surgical Care Safety Summit, materials were distributed to inform participants on safety events and evidence-based practices specific to surgical care both nationally and internationally. Participants completed a pre-meeting survey to identify the top three concerns or gaps in their opinion. 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 surgical care 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, resulting in 15 actions and organized into 7 themes. A number of organizations volunteered to take lead roles for specific actions. The Surgical Care Safety Summit Action Plan has been incorporated into the integrated Patient Safety Action Plan.

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

- Academy of Canadian Executive Nurses
- Accreditation Canada
- Alberta Health
- Association québécoise d' établissements de santé et de services sociaux
- Atlantic Health Quality and Patient Safety Collaborative
- Best Practice in General Surgery
- British Columbia Patient Safety & Quality Council
- Canada Health Infoway
- Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society
- Canadian Association of General Surgeons
- Canadian Institute for Health Information
- Canadian Medical Protective Association
- Canadian Nurses Association
- Canadian Patient Safety Institute
- Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists
- Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists
- Health Canada
- Health Quality Council of Alberta
- Health Quality Ontario
- Healthcare Insurance Reciprocal of Canada
- IPAC Canada
- Jewish General Hospital
- Ministry, Northwest Territories Department of Health and Wellness
- Ministry, Nova Scotia Department of Health & Wellness
- Ministry, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
- Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada
- Patients for Patient Safety Canada
- Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada
- Safer Healthcare Now!
- Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative
- University of Calgary