

Strengthening Commitment for Improvement Together: A Policy Framework for Patient Safety

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Executive Summary

Introduction:

Patient Safety Right Now, the Canadian Patient Safety Institute's (CPSI) 2018-2023 strategy, defines a vision that "Canada has the safest healthcare in the world." CPSI's mission is "to inspire and advance a culture committed to sustained improvement for safer healthcare."

CPSI develops system-wide strategies to ensure safe healthcare in two ways: by demonstrating what works to improve safe care in Canada, and by strengthening commitment to patient safety priorities among all healthcare stakeholders. It has, however, become clear that not only are more robust commitments required to advance patient safety in Canada, but health systems need additional evidence and support to complete end-to-end patient safety improvements and to measure and sustain results. To this end, CPSI drafted ***Strengthening Commitment for Improvement Together: A Policy Framework for Patient Safety*** to stimulate conversation and action on the following policy levers: legislation, regulations, standards, organizational policies and public awareness.

Whether you are a policy maker, healthcare leader, administrator, provider, or member of the public, you can help us achieve our goal.

The Goal in Canada is to have the Safest Health Care in the World.

People in Canada Expect and Deserve No Less.

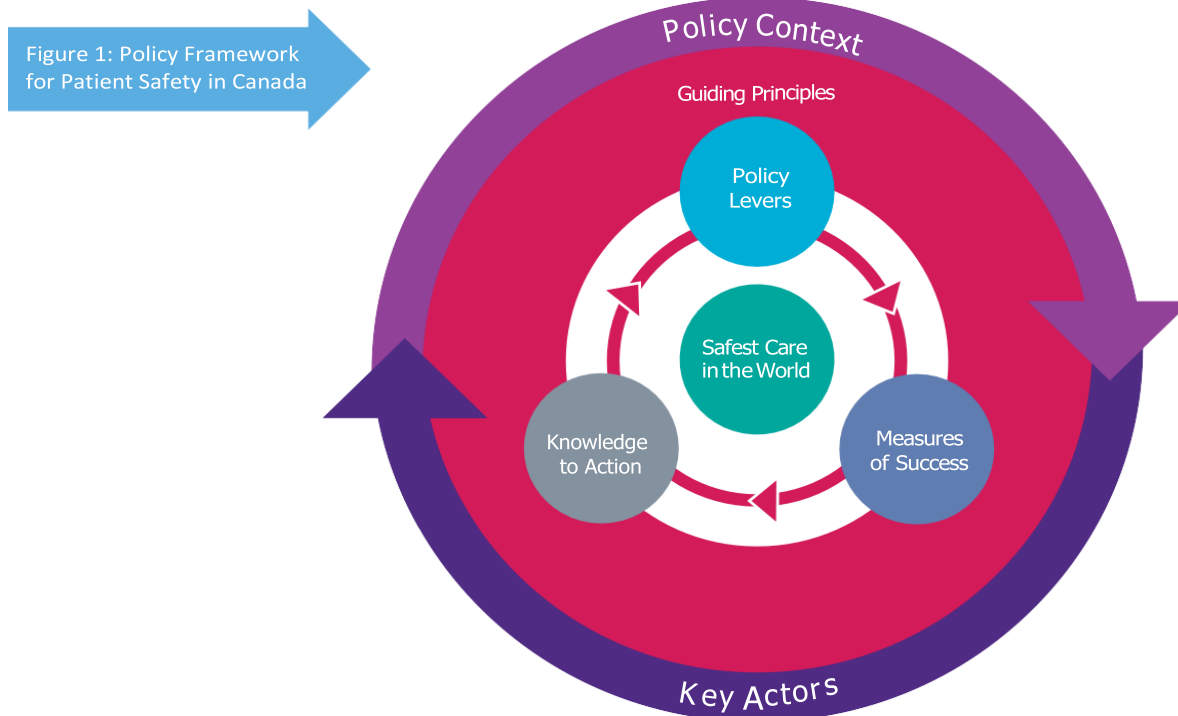
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Framework Components (Figure 1):

The following are the components of the *Policy Framework*:

- Policy Aim: Safest Care in the World;
- Policy Actors;
- Policy Context;
- Guiding Principles for Patient Safety;
- Policy Levers for Patient Safety;
- Measures of Success; and
- Knowledge to Action.



Key Messages

Moving the needle on patient safety in Canada requires an overall shift in culture, values and expectations at all levels of the health system and the active engagement of various policy actors. CPSI recommends that the Policy Framework be used as a conceptual guide to implement and evaluate the policy levers and to systematically share what we have learned with others. The next steps in Canada are clear. People in Canada need policies that support patient safety, be it at the level of health care organizations, or by governments.

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