

The Safety Competencies

Enhancing Patient Safety Across the Health Professions

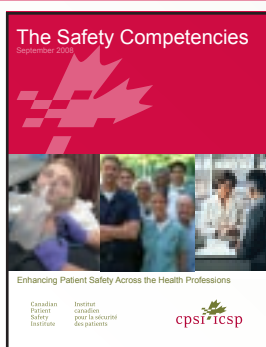
Patient safety, defined as the reduction and mitigation of unsafe acts within the health care system, as well as through the use of best practices shown to lead to optimal patient outcomes, is a critical aspect of quality health care.

The *Safety Competencies* provide a framework of six core domains of abilities that are shared by all health care professionals. By contributing to the patient safety education of health care professionals, the *Safety Competencies* can contribute to safer patient care.

- **Domain 1: *Contribute to a Culture of Patient Safety***
A commitment to applying core patient safety knowledge, skills and attitudes to everyday work.
- **Domain 2: *Work in Teams for Patient Safety***
Working within interprofessional teams to optimize both patient safety and quality of care.
- **Domain 3: *Communicate Effectively for Patient Safety***
Promoting patient safety through effective health care communication.
- **Domain 4: *Manage Safety Risks***
Anticipating, recognizing and managing situations that place patients at risk.
- **Domain 5: *Optimize Human and Environmental Factors***
Managing the relationship between individual and environmental characteristics in order to optimize patient safety.
- **Domain 6: *Recognize, Respond to and Disclose Adverse Events***
Recognizing the occurrence of an adverse event or close call and responding effectively to mitigate harm to the patient, ensure disclosure, and prevent recurrence.



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Snapshot of the *Safety Competencies* framework

- 20 Key Competencies
- 140 Enabling Competencies
- 37 Knowledge Elements
- 34 Practical Skills
- 23 Essential Attitudes