

# Patient Safety Awareness Member Toolkit 2023



*Patient  
Safety  
is personal*

## Dear Indiana Health Care Leaders:

Patient Safety Awareness Week, March 12 – 18, is an opportunity for hospitals and health systems to reflect on their patient safety journey and share their progress. As we approach this important week, the IHA quality and patient safety team is sharing resources to support your hospital during the week and throughout the year.

Whether you are launching a general campaign or wish to focus on the issues that affect your hospital most, we hope you find these resources valuable in your efforts to raise awareness of important topics. All items used in this toolkit are intended to be a guide, allowing you to customize these materials as you see fit.

Patient Safety Awareness Week is an opportunity to recognize the important work and dedication of your hospitals' workforce. Here are a few ideas about how to engage employees:

1. Make it fun! Come up with a theme for the week or each day, watch videos, take quizzes, and play games to identify areas of safety concern or that allow everyone in the organization to get involved.
2. Host events in the cafeteria or break room with snacks or consider something special to celebrate safety at your organization.
3. Send out daily emails with safety tips and share IHA's social media Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter posts.
4. Host interactive patient safety events, like a hand-washing demonstration.
5. Celebrate patient safety successes with other provider groups, such as nursing homes, emergency medical services, and medical offices, etc.

Personal safety is important in any workplace environment; however, it is paramount in healthcare settings. If healthcare staff do not feel safe, they cannot appropriately care for patients. This is why IHA has made workplace violence prevention and well-being a 2023 priority. During Patient Safety Awareness Week, the IHA team is launching a workplace safety and well-being toolkit as part of the Association's *SAFE AND SOUND: Creating a Culture of Workplace Safety Initiative* and will include an online repository of information and strategies.

The pursuit of excellence in healthcare quality and safety is never-ending and IHA is honored to be your partner. Thank you for the work you do every day to keep patients safe and improve care. Together, our work is advancing health care in Indiana.

Please send any images or information on how your hospital celebrates patient safety awareness to [Casey Hutchens](#). We welcome the opportunity to showcase your hospital and team.

Sincerely,



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# 2023 Patient Safety Health Observances Calendar

*Underline denotes link to more information*

## January

[Slavery & Human Trafficking Prevention Month](#)  
[Birth Defects Awareness Month](#)

## February

[Prenatal Infection Prevention Month](#)  
12 – 18 – [Sepsis Survivor Week](#)

## March

12 – 18 – [Patient Safety Awareness Week](#)  
13 – 19 – [Pulmonary Rehab Week](#)  
20 – [Oral Health Day](#)  
31 – [Take Down Tobacco Day](#)

## April

[Interprofessional Healthcare Month](#)  
[Minority Health Month](#)  
[Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month](#)  
[Stress Awareness Month](#)  
3 – 9 – [Public Health Week](#)  
16 – [Healthcare Decisions Day](#)  
16 – 22 – [Pediatric Sepsis Week](#)  
22 – [Prescription Drug Take Back Day](#)  
23 – 29 – [Patient Experience Week](#)  
28 – [Day for Safety and Health at Work](#)

## May

[Mental Health Awareness Month](#)  
5 – [World Hand Hygiene Day](#)  
8 – 14 – [Hospital Week](#)  
14 – 20 – [Maternal Sepsis Week](#)  
31 – [World No Tobacco Day](#)

## June

[PTSD Awareness Month](#)

## July

[Cord Blood Awareness Month](#)

## August

[Breastfeeding Month](#)  
[Immunization Awareness Month](#)  
1 – 7 – [World Breastfeeding Week](#)  
31 – [Opioid Misuse Prevention Day](#)

## September

[National Recovery Month](#)  
[Newborn Screening Awareness Month](#)  
[Suicide Prevention Awareness Month](#)  
[Sepsis Awareness Month](#)  
4 – 10 – [Suicide Prevention Week](#)  
10 – [World Suicide Prevention Day](#)  
13 – [World Sepsis Day](#)  
18 – 24 – [Falls Prevention Awareness Week](#)  
25 – [World Lung Day](#)

## October

[Healthy Lung Month](#)  
[Sudden Infant Death Syndrome \(SIDS\) Awareness Month](#)  
15 – [Global Handwashing Day](#)  
15 – 21 – [National Healthcare Quality Week](#)

## November

[COPD Awareness Month](#)  
18 – 24 – [World Antibiotic Awareness Week](#)  
16 – [Great American Smoke Out](#)  
19 – [International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day](#)

## December

5 – 11 – [Handwashing Awareness Week](#)  
5 – 11 – [Influenza Vaccination Week](#)

The Patient Safety Awareness Toolkit is divided into our pillars of work. Each contains resources for topic areas important to Indiana hospitals. To access each toolkit and the resources within, click the unique topic link. Also follow IHA on social media and share during Patient Safety Awareness Week and throughout the year.

## [Lead a Culture of Safety](#)

Assessing and understanding your organizational culture is an essential first step. The link above leads to IHA's process whereby your organization can complete the AHRQ Culture of Patient Safety Survey and receive analysis and coaching.

- [Workplace Safety & Health - SAFE AND SOUND: Creating a Culture of Workplace Safety](#)
- [Workforce Wellbeing](#)

## Harm Prevention

Harm prevention is at the heart of everything we do, it is our WHY. Success requires visible leadership engagement, transparency, the use of data and active engagement from all team members.

- [Antibiotic Safety](#)
- [Hand Hygiene](#)
- [Maternal Health](#)
- [Medication & Opioid Misuse](#)
- [Mobility & Pressure Injury Prevention](#)
- [Reducing Sedation](#)
- [Safe Infant Sleep](#)
- [Sepsis](#)
- [Suicide Awareness & Prevention](#)
- [Tobacco Prevention & Cessation](#)

## Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Becoming a more culturally aware health care organization can improve social responsibility, as well as patient outcomes.

- [Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion](#)
- [Health Equity](#)
- [Human Trafficking](#)

## Healthcare Partnerships

Strong partnerships between patients, families, caregivers, and state and local stakeholders are vital to the care delivery system.

- [Care Transitions](#)
- [Speak UP](#)