



*Patient Safety is Everyone's Responsibility*



# Patient Safety Awareness Member Toolkit 2021

*Your guide to raising awareness  
among staff, patients, and families*

**Dear IHA Member:**

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Indiana health care providers have come together as hospitals, doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists, infection preventionists, environmental services staff, and many other front-line staff, first responders, and leaders to urge Hoosiers to protect themselves, their neighbors, and their loved ones amidst the worst global health crisis in generations. 2020 was year filled with many emotions from a sense of fear, sadness, accomplishment, joy, and so much more. And we recognize that 2021 continues to offer challenges. We send our gratitude for your on-going, steadfast efforts to keep patients safe and ensure patient safety is everyone's responsibility, year-round.

The Indiana Hospital Association quality and patient safety team has updated our Patient Safety Awareness Toolkit to help your organization in your patient safety outreach efforts. Whether you are launching a general campaign or wish to focus on the issues that affect your hospital most, we hope you find this resource a valuable tool in your efforts to raise awareness of important topics during Patient Safety Awareness Week, March 14 – 20, and throughout the whole year. All items used in this toolkit are intended to be a guide, allowing you to customize these materials as you see fit.

As health care providers, we must lead in educating our staff and public about important patient safety issues. Thank you for your continued participation and partnership as we work together to increase patient safety awareness. Please send any images or information on how your hospital celebrated Patient Safety Awareness Week and throughout the year to [Casey Hutchens](#). We welcome the opportunity to showcase your hospital and team.

Sincerely,



Karin Kennedy  
Vice President, Quality & Patient Safety



# Indiana Patient Safety Center

of the Indiana Hospital Association

The Patient Safety Awareness Toolkit is divided into our four pillars of work. Each pillar contains toolkits for relevant topic areas. Click on the link for each topic-specific toolkit to use the resources in that toolkit. Also follow IHA on social media and share our messages during Patient Safety Awareness Week and throughout the year.

## Lead a Culture of Safety

To create an environment of mutual trust, respect, and transparency among organizations, patients, and families

- [Culture of Safety](#)
- [Resiliency](#)
- [Speak UP](#)
- Public Health Emergencies
  - [IHA COVID-19 Visitation Guidance](#)
  - [IHA COVID-19 PPE Toolkit](#)
  - [Business Guidance](#)
  - [Indiana Labs Testing Guidance](#)

## Increase Patient & Family Engagement

To engage patients and families in all aspects of their care and seek their input and inclusion in advisory capacities throughout organizations

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

## Prevent Patient Harm

To create high reliability organizations who collaborate and engage in conditions improvement to achieve best in class outcomes

- [Antibiotic Safety](#)
- [Hand Hygiene](#)
- [Progressive Mobility & Pressure Injuries](#)
- [Reducing Sedation](#)
- [Sepsis](#)

## Improve Community Health

To partner with communities and stakeholders to develop, plan, and coordinate initiatives that span the prevention and care continuum

- [Health Equity](#)
- [Human Trafficking](#)
- [Maternal Health](#)
- [Opioid Misuse](#)
- [Safe Infant Sleep](#)
- [Suicide Awareness](#)
- [Tobacco Prevention & Cessation](#)