Overview of AHRQ’s Patient Safety Priorities and Programs

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AHRQ Patient Safety Priorities

• Focus on areas of greatest impact
• Extend patient safety improvement to all settings
• Prevent HAIs, reduce antibiotic resistance
• Build capacity in the health care system to accelerate safety improvements
• Improve communication and engagement between clinicians and patients
• Make the safe thing the easy thing to do
AHRQ’s Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety (CQUIPS)

• Conducts programs that focus on:
  – Patient Safety Research
  – Healthcare-Associated Infections Prevention
  – Patient Safety Organization Program
  – National Healthcare Quality & Disparities Report (NHQDR) Program
  – Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS®) Program
National Steering Committee on Patient Safety

• Convened by the Institute of Healthcare Improvement (IHI)

• Will serve as a central body to galvanize stakeholders and act as a focal point to prioritize patient safety efforts

• Main goal is to create a national action plan for patient safety
  – Will begin by focusing on foundational issues such as leadership and culture

• AHRQ’s SOPS Program aligns with these efforts