



Overview of AHRQ's Patient Safety Priorities and Programs

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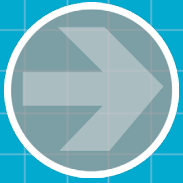
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AHRQ Patient Safety Priorities

- 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