

Quality & Safety Awareness Member Toolkit 2024



Dear Indiana Health Care Leaders:

Patient Safety Awareness Week, March 10 – 16, is an opportunity for hospitals and health systems to reflect on their patient safety journey and provide education to employees, the public, and other health care providers. As we approach this important week, the IHA quality and 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, these resources can complement your plans 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 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.

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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2024 Patient Safety Health Observances Calendar

Underline denotes link to more information

January

[Slavery & Human Trafficking Prevention Month](#)

February

[Prenatal Infection Prevention Month](#)

March

10 – 16 – [Patient Safety Awareness Week](#)

20 – [Oral Health Day](#)

April

[Minority Health Month](#)

[Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month](#)

1 – 7 – [Public Health Week](#)

May

[Mental Health Awareness Month](#)

12 – 18 – [Hospital Week](#)

14 – 20 – [Maternal Sepsis Week](#)

June

7 - [Hospitals Against Violence Day](#)

August

[Breastfeeding Month](#)

[Immunization Awareness Month](#)

September

[Suicide Prevention Awareness Month](#)

[Sepsis Awareness Month](#)

18 – 24 – [Falls Prevention Awareness Week](#)

October

[Healthy Lung Month](#)

[Sudden Infant Death Syndrome \(SIDS\)](#)

[Awareness Month](#)

November

[COPD Awareness Month](#)

18 – 24 – [World Antibiotic Awareness Week](#)

December

1 – 7 – [Handwashing Awareness Week](#)

2 – 6 – [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](#)

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 Safety](#)
- [Mobility & Pressure Injury Prevention](#)
- [Safe Infant Sleep](#)
- [Sepsis](#)
- [Suicide Awareness & Prevention](#)

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](#)

Health Care Partnerships

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

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