

The Safety Competencies

Enhancing Patient Safety Across the Health Professions



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Patient safety, defined as the reduction and mitigation of unsafe acts within the healthcare system, as well as through the use of best practices shown to lead to optimal patient outcomes, is a critical aspect of quality healthcare.

The Safety Competencies provide a framework of seven core domains of abilities for all health professionals to incorporate into their work. By enhancing health professions education, The Safety Competencies will enhance patient care.

- **Domain 1: *Creating a Culture of Patient Safety***
The ability of health professionals to contribute to healthcare organizations, large or small, in ways that promote patient safety in their structure and function.
- **Domain 2: *Working as a Team***
The ability of health professionals to effectively collaborate with others to maximize patient safety and the quality of care.
- **Domain 3: *Communicating Effectively***
The ability of health professionals to effectively receive and convey information and facilitate the interpersonal and interorganizational relationships needed to support safe and effective patient care.
- **Domain 4: *Using Safe Strategies to Enhance Practice***
The ability of health professionals to incorporate best practices in patient safety into daily activities.
- **Domain 5: *Managing Human Factors and Cognitive Processes***
The ability of health professionals to recognize the relationship between human performance and human and cognitive factors that may lead to adverse events.
- **Domain 6: *Managing High-Risk Situations***
The ability of health professionals to recognize, mitigate, and avoid common high risk clinical practices.
- **Domain 7: *Responding to an Adverse Event***
The ability of health professionals to recognize an adverse event when it occurs and respond effectively to mitigate harm, ensure disclosure and prevent it from happening again.



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