
PSMF, ASA, Leapfrog Group & ISQua Join Forces #UniteForSafeCare World Patient Safety Day Campaign



Leading Global Organizations Focus on Holistic Hospital Safety During Unprecedented Pandemic

Today, four leading global organizations dedicated to fighting preventable deaths due to medical errors announced their partnership to co-convene the [#uniteforsafecare](#) program on World Patient Safety Day (September 17, 2020).

In June, the [Patient Safety Movement Foundation announced](#) the wide-ranging campaign to bring attention to system-wide improvements that will ensure better health worker and patient safety outcomes, called #uniteforsafecare. Now, the organization will be joined by the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA), The Leapfrog Group, and International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua) in co-convening the slate of programming, which includes a virtual physical challenge to raise awareness of the issue; collaboration with the National Association for Healthcare Quality's annual conference, NEXT; an in-person demonstration in Washington, D.C. and a free virtual event for the public and those who have experienced errors, harms, or death to themselves or loved ones.

"As the first medical specialty to advocate for patient safety, and as physicians on the front lines treating COVID-19 patients, we know firsthand how critical ensuring health worker safety is," said ASA President Mary Dale Peterson, M.D., MSHCA, FACHE, FASA. "The issue is especially timely. From having the appropriate PPE to strategies for stress management and wellness – ensuring health worker safety *is* patient safety and improves outcomes. We are happy to participate in this effort to advance safety in health care."

"The Leapfrog Group's focus on giant leaps forward in the quality and safety of American health care requires bold action," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "As our society battles the coronavirus pandemic, the safety of both health care workers and patients has never been more important. We're pleased to join the Patient Safety Movement Foundation in striving for better, safer health care for all."

"Patient safety starts with ensuring the physical and psychological safety of all healthcare workers who then can make safety a priority for all they do," said Dr. Peter Lachman, CEO of ISQua. "We need to work together to accelerate the changes and learning to decrease harm. ISQua will work with all partners across the globe to achieve this aim."

"It's an honor to partner with such incredible organizations as Leapfrog Group, ASA and ISQua in this pivotal moment for patient and health worker safety," said Dr. David B. Mayer, CEO of Patient Safety Movement Foundation.

The public is now welcome to RSVP for the free #uniteforsafecare virtual event which will be hosted on YouTube Live on September 17th by following this URL: <https://patientsafetymovement.org/patient-safety-events/uniteforsafecare-virtual-event/>

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