



# A Primer: Council on Patient Safety in Women's Health Care

The Council on Patient Safety in Women's Health Care was formed in late 2011.

## Vision

*Safe health care for every woman*

## Mission

*Continually improve patient safety in women's health care through multidisciplinary collaboration that drives culture change*

## Purpose

The Council on Patient Safety in Women's Health Care's purpose is to reduce harm to patients by fostering:

- Investigation to better understand the causation of harm
- Programs and tools to implement patient safety initiatives
- Education to promote patient safety
- Dissemination of patient safety information
- A health care culture of respect, transparency, and accountability

## Composition

The Council comprised of 18 core organizational members and two patient representatives. To further support its work the Council also has an Industry Forum. The Forum serves in an informational capacity to the Council and is a vehicle for engagement with members from industry. Members of the Forum serve as a source of information for the Council and broadly represent organizations in the community. The total number of allowable members is flexible to allow for a comprehensive and diverse makeup but currently stands at 12.

## Engagement Activities

### Safety Action Series

Launched in May 2014, the Safety Action Series are free teleconference sessions on topics relevant to the Council's deliverables. They are designed to be interactive, with adequate time for participant questions during each session and are archived for free download and playback from the Council's website.



### National Improvement Challenge & National Improvement Video Challenge

Launched in November 2014, the National Improvement Challenge seeks to improve care through the development of patient safety and quality improvement programs at the residency and educational program level. Programs in all disciplines are encouraged develop programs to improve care in their institution through the utilization of Council developed tools and resources. In 2016, the National Improvement Video Challenge was launched with the intention of facilitating innovative peer-to-peer sharing of best practices related to implementation and use of the Council's Patient Safety Bundles. Programs are encouraged to develop a short video showcasing how a Council bundle has been implemented and utilized within their organization. Entries are judged and voted on by members of the Council and monetary awards are given to help further QI activities.

