



The Safe Healthcare System Patients Deserve

A Call from the Patient Community for Action

World Patient Safety Day Webinar Event

September 17, 2026, 10:00 AM – Noon ET

Via Zoom: [Register HERE](#)

AGENDA

***Moderator:** Martin Hatlie, JD, Director for Policy & Advocacy, Patients for Patient Safety US (PFPS US)*

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10:00 – 10:05 AM	Welcome from PFPS US <i>Carole Hemmelgam, MS, MS, Chair, PFPS US Board of Trustees</i>
10:05 – 10:15 AM	Saving Lives and Reducing Health Care Waste by Improving Diagnosis in Medicine Act (S 4383, HR 3C3C) – A message from Hon. Chris Van Hollen Jr., U.S. Senate (D-MD) (invited)
10:15 – 10:45 AM	The Safe Healthcare System that Patients Deserve: A Call from the Patient Community to Action <i>Sue Sheridan, MIM, MBA, DHL, President & CEO, PFPS US</i> Sue Sheridan will outline a new Call to Action from patients to National Leaders to focus on opportunities now at hand to save lives and prevent disability through: ■ Investment in diagnostic safety research and measurement, ■ Advancing learning and outcomes improvement with modernized, AI-enabled patient reporting of patient lived experience, and ■ Effectively using Medicare levers to drive nationwide implementation of the Patient Safety Structural Measure and Age Friendly Hospital Measure best practices.
10:45 – 11:00 AM	Transparency Galvanizes Patient Safety, But There are Threats Ahead <i>Missy Danforth, Senior Vice President of Health Care Ratings, The Leapfrog Group</i> Missy Danforth will offer perspective on the Leapfrog Group's continued commitment, in the face of threats, to offer patients and healthcare provider organizations actionable information on adoption of best safety practices and performance of hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers. She will also speak to Leapfrog Group work to link Congressional action on price transparency to patient safety.
11:00 – 11:15 AM	The 4Ms: A Whole-Person Safety Framework for Older Adults Across the NCD (Non-Communicable Diseases) Journey <i>Patricia McGaffigan, RN, MS, CPPS, CPHFH, Senior Advisor, Patient Safety, Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) and President, Certification Board for Professionals in Patient Safety</i> <i>KellyAnne Johnson, MPH, Senior Director, Age-Friendly Health Systems, IHI</i> NCDs are a major patient safety challenge that create safety risks across the entire patient journey, from prevention and early detection through treatment, management, and ongoing support. Older adults are a

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	growing and notably vulnerable population at risk. Patricia McGaffigan and KellyAnne Johnson will share IHI work and perspective on how prevention and care management practices guided by the Age-Friendly 4Ms Framework (What Matters Most, Mentation, Medication, Mobility) can be adapted to best align care for older adults that disease-specific approaches may miss at every point in their journey.
11:15 – 11:45 AM	Coalition for Advancing Safer Healthcare (CASH): A Model for Achieving Sustained Excellence in Safety <i>Karen Wolk Feinstein, PhD, Alvin Rogal President and CEO Emeritus, Jewish Healthcare Foundation and Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative</i> <i>Michael Rosen, MA, PhD, Director of Research, Johns Hopkins Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality</i> <i>Robert El-Kareh, MD, MPH, MS, Associate CMO, Quality and Care Transformation, UC San Diego Health</i> In July the Coalition for Advancing Safer Healthcare (CASH) released a new report describing the core characteristics of “Ambition Health System” -- an ideal provider organization of the future that prioritizes safety and prevents harm before it happens. Karen Feinstein will moderate a panel of CASH thought leaders that designed Ambition Health around how CMS’ Patient Safety Structural Measure (PSSM) domains align with Ambition Health System.
11:45 AM – Noon	CMS Commentary <i>Michelle Schreiber, MD, MPH, Deputy Director for Quality and Value, Center for Clinical Standards & Quality, CMS</i> Dr. Schreiber will comment on CMS initiatives and how the presentations of earlier speakers may relate to the CMS goal of ensuring optimal care for all.
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