In 2010 Patient Safety First...a California Partnership for Health was launched to improve quality of care, reduce health care costs and ultimately save lives by improving patient safety and perinatal care in California. Patient Safety First (PSF) is a groundbreaking partnership between National Health Foundation, California’s Regional Hospital Associations, Anthem Blue Cross and with over 180 hospitals across the state making it the largest in the Nation.

In phase one, PSF member hospitals have shown significant improvement in four important hospital-based avoidable harm initiatives: sepsis mortality, ventilator associated pneumonia, central line blood stream infections and perinatal gestational age deliveries under 39 weeks. More specifically, approximately 40 hospitals consistently reported before and after data, and their results show:

- A 74% reduction in early elective deliveries prior to 39 weeks gestational age
- A 57% reduction in cases of Ventilator Associated Pneumonia
- A 43% reduction in cases of Central Line Blood Stream Infections
- A 26% reduction in Sepsis Mortality

Based on the success of the first three years of this initiative (link to press release), Patient Safety First has been extended to a fourth year of implementation. Phase 2 of this initiative will focus on new aspects of patient safety and will build upon the work of the first three years of this project.

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**LATEST NEWS**

The Phase 1 Three Year Report is now available to download.

Phase 1 (2010-2012) PSF Report

The Phase 1 brochure highlighting outcomes and results is now available.

Phase 1 brochure
Benefits of participating in a patient safety collaborative

- **Process improvement resources and expertise:**
  - Opportunity to mentor other hospitals
  - Opportunity to share your successes at regional collaborative meetings or via webinars
  - Market to your consumers your participation in a hospital collaborative to improve patient safety
  - Get the official Anthem Blue Cross “Patient Safety First” designation on their provider finder website
  - Public recognition for top performing hospitals

- **Leadership and recognition:**
  - Opportunity to participate in collaborative to share experiences, borrow successful tactics and benchmark best practices
  - Provide evidence based change packages, tools and resources in all areas of harm ready for implementation
  - Access to low or no cost learning opportunities/activities by virtue of webinars, quarterly and annual collaborative meetings

- **Collaboration with others; peer to peer learning:**
  - Ongoing one on one support from data support staff

- **Financial advantage:**
  - No cost opportunity to bring sepsis simulation bus and eLearning for up to 78 of your staff
  - No cost to join the PSF collaborative. Cost is minimal for participation as collaborative training and education are conducted on site, close to the community or via webinar whenever possible
  - Alignment and integration with other state (such as HEN) and regional patient safety initiatives for a cohesive and effective approach to achieve stated goals

List of Participating Hospitals in Phase II

- Provide expertise in various quality improvement techniques, including Lean Training, in areas of harm; facilitate PI strategy and data analysis.
  - Provide surgical safety training focused on avoiding retained surgical items
  - At no cost, provide sepsis simulation training in your region for up to 78 of your staff (this is offered on a first come first serve basis)
  - Support and work with your PI Team to implement tools and strategies that are evidence based and are successful.
  - Monitor your data against defined goals and best practices

Please join us (link to participation agreement, fact sheet and key contact form document)
- Alameda Hospital
- Barton Hospital
- California Pacific Medical Center
- Chinese Hospital
- Coalinga Regional Medical Center
- Colusa Regional Medical Center
- Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP)
- Community Regional Medical Center
- Corcoran Hospital
- Dameron Hospital Association
- Emanuel Medical Center
- Fremont Medical Center
- Healdsburg District Hospital
- John Muir Medical Center – Concord
- John Muir Medical Center- Walnut Creek
- Kaiser Permanente Medical Center – Fresno
- Kaiser Permanente Medical Center - Vacaville
- Kaiser Permanente Medical Center – Vallejo
- Lodi Memorial Hospital
- Madera Community Hospital
- Marin General Hospital
- Marshall Medical Center
- Mayers Memorial Hospital District
- Memorial Hospital – Los Banos
- Memorial Medical Center
- Mercy Medical Center Merced
- Mills Peninsula Health Services
- Oak Valley Hospital District
- O’Connor Hospital
- Rideout Regional Medical Center
- Saint Agnes Medical Center
- Saint Francis Memorial Hospital
- Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital
- San Francisco General Hospital
- Seton Medical Center
- Shasta Regional Medical Center
- Shriners Hospitals for Children, Northern California
- Sierra View District Hospital
- St. Joseph’s Medical Center
- St. Mary’s Medical Center
- St. Rose Hospital
- Sutter Tracy Community Hospital
- Tehachapi Valley Healthcare District
- Tulare Regional Medical Center
- UC Davis
- UCSF Medical Center
- Ukiah Valley Medical Center
- VA Palo Alto
- Vibra Hospital of Northern California
To facilitate participation with your hospital, please download the agreement below and submit to Jenna Fischer, Vice President of Quality Improvement and Patient Safety, via fax at 925-746-5106 or scan and email to jfischer@hospitalcouncil.net

- READ MORE
- Participation Agreement
- CDI Guideline Compare
- HQI Blueprint
- Key Contact Form
- Patient Safety First Value Proposition
- Data Measurement
- Press Release
- PSF Year 3 Report
- PSF Brochure