

Patient Safety Management Tools

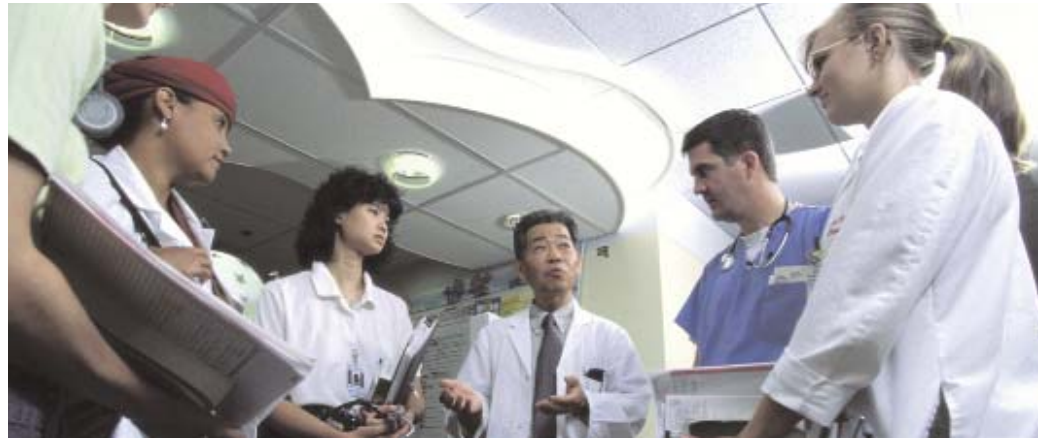
Florida Patient Safety Corporation (FPSC)

Established in 2004, the FPSC was funded by the Governor and legislature in 2005 to conduct a pilot program for "Near Miss" reporting. The program is voluntary and will initially include 20 hospitals, 2 birthing centers and 2 ambulatory surgery care centers. The plan is to roll this program out to all State acute care facilities after the pilot study.

Managed by the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital Center for Patient Safety and supported by Marsh, CS STARS software and CRG Medical, the FPSC objectives are to:

- Improve patient safety in Florida
- Decrease frequency of negative outcomes
- Decrease medical malpractice claims
- Promote patient safety education

By April 2006, the Florida Patient Safety Corporation hopes to have all 24 facilities across the state reporting "Near Misses" through the CS STARS system. The analysis of the data will be performed by the Center for Patient Safety, Marsh Risk Consulting and the AIMS clinical analysis system.



Patient safety medical errors cause as many as 98,000 deaths a year, ranking such events as a leading cause of death in the United States. To help healthcare facilities prevent medical errors, CS STARS provides customizable solutions that support data-driven, proactive approaches to enable the identification of near misses, communication of intervention opportunities and compliance with patient safety initiatives.

Identifying Medical Errors

Often medical errors can be avoided through the timely analysis of the data found within Hospital's disparate systems. CS STARS helps facilities consolidate data and create event triggers to highlight potential issues before they become life-threatening events. In addition, CS STARS' web-based tools ease the reporting of near misses, medical errors and patient complaints.

Automating Communication

Once adverse events are identified, either from manually entered reports or facility data, notifications can be generated to Rapid Response Teams to expedite patient interventions. CS STARS' solutions can also be used to help automate the reporting of adverse events and near misses to facilitate compliance with the mandatory and voluntary reporting requirements currently promulgated by 26 states.

Ensuring Patient Safety Compliance

CS STARS Compliance tools allow organizations to easily audit departments compliance with safety initiatives, providing powerful action plan tracking features which assign accountability for patient safety initiatives and monitor their implementation.