



Partners in Advancing Patient Safety



Stratis Health and the Minnesota Alliance for Patient Safety (MAPS) work together toward a common vision to advance safe care everywhere. The two organizations strengthen each other's capacity to advance patient safety across the care continuum, with special emphasis on elevating the voice of the patients for safety in all settings of care.

Together, they align strategies to achieve two of the National Quality Strategy's top priorities:

1. Making care safer by reducing harm caused in the delivery of care.
2. Ensuring that each person and family is engaged as partners in their care.

In August 2017, the organizations formed a new partnership, with MAPS becoming a subsidiary of Stratis Health. Stratis Health was one of MAPS' founding partners, when it incorporated in 2012, and has acted in a leadership capacity since the inception of MAPS in 2000.

Topics in patient safety being addressed by both organizations include patient and family engagement, diagnostic error, and safe transitions of care.

Stratis Health

www.stratishealth.org

Stratis Health is an independent, nonprofit organization founded in 1971 that leads collaboration and innovation in health care quality and safety, and serves as a trusted expert in facilitating improvement for people and communities. The organization has done extensive work in measuring safety and making care safer across the health care continuum.

Examples of patient safety work:

- **Rural Measures.** Provide technical assistance and develop quality reporting and improvement resources to support critical access hospital success, across the country, in the Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project. MBQIP includes the emergency department transfer communication (EDTC) measure, which Stratis Health developed, in conjunction with the

University of Minnesota, to support safe care for rural residents being stabilized and transferred to other health care facilities.

- **On-Time Pressure Ulcer Prevention Program.** Assist more than 40 nursing homes across the country to implement and evaluate the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) evidence-based [On-Time Pressure Ulcer Prevention Program](#). Worked with electronic health record (EHR) vendors to prepare their systems to produce supporting reports. This program helps nursing homes with EHRs reduce the occurrence of in-house pressure ulcers.

Minnesota Alliance for Patient Safety

www.mnpatientsafety.org

MAPS is a statewide patient safety coalition founded in 2000. Its members include nearly 100 organizations, comprised of health care associations, health care organizations, consumers, employers, health plans, and state agencies and boards. MAPS vision is to achieve "Safe Care Everywhere" and seeks to engage patients, providers and the community for better, safer care.

Examples of patient safety work:

- **"You: Your Own Best Medicine."** Led a campaign that empowered patients to actively manage their own health care. A focus of the project was to assist Minnesotans partnering with their health care teams to stay healthy and safe at transitions of care.
- **Safety Conference.** Conducts a popular, biennial conference that features national speakers and breakout sessions covering safety topics and best practices across the continuum of care.