



PATIENT SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK MARCH 12-18

QUESTIONS

Q & A

ANSWERS



WHY IS PATIENT SAFETY SO IMPORANT?

A: It prevents avoidable errors and patient harm.



WHAT ARE THE SEVEN NATIONAL PATIENT SAFETY GOALS?

A: Correctly identify patients, improve staff communication, use medicines safely, use alarms safely, prevent infection, identify patient safety risks, and prevent mistakes in surgery.



WHAT ARE THE TOP MEDICAL ERRORS?

A: Misdiagnosis, faulty medical devices, and medication errors. Be your best advocate!

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WHAT TO DO IF YOU'RE A PATIENT



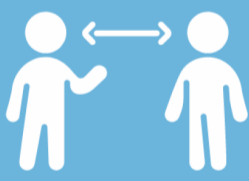
Stay Up-to-Date on Vaccines, including Flu and Covid-19



Wash Hands Frequently with Warm Soapy Water



Avoid Contact with Sick People; Do Not Touch Your Eyes, Nose, or Mouth



Avoid Close Contact with Others.



Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing.



Stay Home Until Your Fever Has Been Gone for 24 Hours.

One of our goals at the Department for Medicaid Services is to improve health care quality and outcomes, ensuring that Kentuckians have access to competent, safe care. Patient Safety Week, an observance taking place March 12-18, is a great opportunity to partner with our provider community to raise awareness of safety practices and issue a reminder about the critical importance of safety in health care.

Every patient has a right to safe care and working together as policymakers, health care providers, Medicaid members, and caregivers we can assure best practices are followed throughout the Commonwealth's health care system,

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