



South Carolina Hospital Association Commitment to Action

The South Carolina Hospital Association is pleased to announce our support of the Patient Safety Movement Foundation (PSMF) and its mission to eliminate preventable patient deaths in U.S. hospitals by 2020 (0X2020).

The South Carolina Hospital Association works to transform the delivery of care and to advocate for better health policy, and patient safety is one of our primary areas of focus. Over the past decade our hospitals have standardized care for heart attacks, implemented surgical safety checklists, committed to building highly reliable systems of care, and participated in numerous other quality improvement projects. The South Carolina Hospital Association recently established a Zero Harm Award to recognize hospitals that have already demonstrated a track record for eliminating harm, and our hospital community is eager to collaborate with partners who share our dedication to patient safety. For all these reasons we are excited to announce our support of the Patient Safety Movement Foundation.

As an organization making a Commitment to Action, the South Carolina Hospital Association will demonstrate alliance with PSMF by the following:

1. Joining the Patient Safety Movement Foundation as a committed organization
2. Educate hospital members about the goals of the Movement and how to make a commitment
3. Highlight the Patient Safety Movement Foundation at one of their membership meetings
4. Ask hospital members to make a commitment to the PSMF in 2017 by:
 - a. Implementing Actionable Patient Safety Solutions (APSS) that help to eliminate preventable patient deaths **OR**
 - b. Sharing their own successful patient safety processes that help to eliminate preventable patient deaths

On behalf of the South Carolina Hospital Association, I am pleased to sign this letter as a formal commitment to collaborate with the Patient Safety Movement to improve patient safety.

J. Thornton Kirby
President & CEO

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Date