

PA Action Coalition Commitment to Action

The Pennsylvania Action Coalition (PA-AC) is pleased to announce its support of the Patient Safety Movement Foundation (PSMF) and mission to eliminate preventable deaths by 2020 (0X2020).

The PA-AC was founded to implement the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) "The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health" across the state. The PA-AC is part of the national Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action, a joint initiative of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, AARP, and AARP Foundation. Eliminating preventable deaths aligns with the Campaign for Action, as it encourages all nurses to lead efforts to build a Culture of Health and well-being in this country. Building a Culture of Health includes ensuring positive patient experiences that include a health care system that is easy to access and navigate; that patient needs are being met; and that they are being heard, respected, and able to contribute to decisions related to their own care.

The PA-AC is creating a healthier Pennsylvania by mobilizing the largest sector of the healthcare workforce to transform care. The PA-AC galvanizes diverse stakeholders at local, regional, and state levels by partnering with health systems, academic institutions, nursing leadership organizations, businesses, and community organizations.

The PA-AC works to improve the consumer experience of healthcare through advancements in the safety, accessibility, and quality of care. With nurses as the catalyst for change, the PA-AC's initiatives are building a Culture of Health and fostering a safer, more caring healthcare environment where patients are able to contribute fully to their own care.

As a committed organization, the PA-AC will demonstrate alliance with PSMF by:

1. Spreading the mission of 0X2020 throughout the PA-AC network.
2. Participating in one or more of the PSMF's Actionable Patient Safety Solution's (APSS) workgroups.
3. Asking stakeholders to implement APSS, or share other successful processes, to eliminate preventable deaths.
4. Encouraging stakeholders to make their own commitments to action to the PSMF.
5. Building interprofessional partnerships to foster a culture of healthcare safety.
6. Supporting policies that ensure all patients will be heard, respected, and fully able to contribute to their own care and are responsive to cultural and linguistic needs.
7. Expanding the number of institutions that provide high-quality nurse residency programs in PA.
8. Increasing the proportion of registered nurses with a baccalaureate degree.
9. Advocating that all nurses practice to the top of their education and training.
10. Fostering a culturally sensitive workforce prepared to meet the diverse needs of patients and families.

We at the PA-AC are excited to announce our commitment to improve patient safety.

Signed,



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