Commitment to Action

This commitment to action is signed on behalf of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) and the Patient Safety Movement Foundation (PSMF) on this day, Sunday May 6, 2018.

ANZCA is the professional organisation for about 6800 specialist anaesthetists (fellows) and 1500 anaesthetists in training (trainees). One of Australasia’s largest specialist medical colleges, ANZCA, along with its Faculty of Pain Medicine, is responsible for the training, examination and specialist accreditation of anaesthetists and pain medicine specialists and for the standards of clinical practice in Australia and New Zealand.

The PSMF is connecting people, ideas and technology to confront the large-scale problem of more than 200,000 preventable patient deaths in U.S. hospitals and 4,800,000 worldwide, each year by providing actionable ideas and innovations that can transform the process of care, dramatically improve patient safety and help eliminate patient preventable deaths.

This commitment to action acknowledges that ANZCA supports the formalising of a relationship with the Patient Safety Movement at a level of ‘Committed Partner’ or equivalent, with an approach consistent with that of other professional anaesthesia organisations including:

1. Spreading the PSMF mission to ANZCA members;
2. Identifying Actionable Patient Safety Solutions (APSS) that align with ANZCA’s standards and/or policies and inviting members working in hospitals to implement APSS or similar processes with the aim of eliminating preventable patient deaths in hospitals;
3. Annually disseminating relevant APSS to ANZCA members;
4. Engaging with the PSMF at its annual meetings to develop and improve relevant APSS.

ANZCA and the PSMF look forward to a positive, collaborative and beneficial partnership.

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ANZCA President

Confirmed by PSMF  
PSMF Board Member