



### Commitment to Action

Greater National Advocates is pleased to announce their support for the Patient Safety Movement Foundation (PSMF) and mission to eliminate preventable deaths in hospitals.

GNA is a nonprofit public service organization with a mission to 1) educate the public about the lifesaving benefits of patient advocacy and 2) connect patients and loved ones with advocates that can provide immediate help. Across the country there are thousands of educated, credentialed and highly skilled advocates who help enhance patient-physician communication, coordinate hospital care and prevent medical errors before they occur. These professional patient advocates have backgrounds in nursing, social work and care management- enabling them to step in and fight for the rights and interests of patients and families who can't advocate for themselves. The problem is that neither the general public nor the healthcare industry at large have any idea that private patient advocates exist.

Greater National Advocates wants to make independent patient advocacy a household term. Just as people hire accountants for taxes and lawyers for court, patient advocacy must become commonplace, second nature and expected. When patients enter a hospital or doctor's office, GNA wants them to be asked, "Who's your advocate?"

GNA has hundreds of advocate members nationwide. They work within healthcare on a daily basis, accompanying patients to doctor visits, challenging insurance companies, sitting at bedside, asking knowledgeable questions and overseeing the entire patient experience. Because GNA has boots on the ground in many healthcare settings, we are uniquely positioned to help advance the mission of PSMF.

As a committed organization, Greater National Advocates will demonstrate our alliance with PSMF by:

1. Spreading the PSMF's vision and mission to the Greater National Advocates' members and network
2. Encouraging Greater National Advocates' members and network to submit their own stories to help drive the PSMF's narrative forward.
3. Asking members of Greater National Advocates who are leaders working in hospitals to implement APSS, or share their own successful processes, to eliminate preventable deaths. And, make their own commitments to action to the PSMF
4. Participating in the PSMF's Actionable Patient Safety Solution's (APSS) workgroups and helping to identify subject matter experts to contribute to the development of mutually aligned topics

We at Greater National Advocates are excited to announce our commitment to improve patient safety.

L. Bradley Schwartz

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President, Greater National Advocates