Commitment to Action

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The Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME) is proud to announce our support of the Patient Safety Movement Foundation (PSMF) and its mission to eliminate preventable patient deaths across the globe by 2030.

CAHME joins with The Patient Safety Movement, its diverse group of professional societies, associations, and healthcare-related organizations, and nearly 5,000 hospitals committed to this noble and important goal. It is estimated that 93,276 lives are saved annually by hospitals participating in the PSMF ongoing process improvement initiative.

CAHME serves the public purpose by advancing the quality of healthcare management education. We accredit about 120 programs in healthcare management education, and, in 2017, CAHME began an initiative to specifically create standards and competencies for graduate programs specifically focused on healthcare quality and safety. Our goal is to ensure that the graduates of the great universities can be better prepared to eliminate preventable harm and death in healthcare across the world by being equipped to understand the technical, organizational, and scientific skills to achieve safer care. Through this, CAHME and the Patient Safety Movement are clearly aligned in the goal to achieve safer care.

CAHME publicly states that as part of our commitment, we will demonstrate alliance with PSMF as follows:

1. Spread the PSMF’s mission and vision to CAHME members and network.
2. Accelerate the dissemination of opportunities for students presented by PSMF to programs participating in CAHME’s accredited programs, those seeking accreditation, and programs in healthcare quality and safety.
3. Annually disseminate Actionable Patient Safety Solutions (APSS) to CAHME accredited or CAHME certified programs in healthcare quality and safety. Examples include but are not limited to:
   a. Creating a Foundation for Safe and Reliable Care
4. Share CAHME’s self-study guide for Healthcare Quality and Safety in the APSS Educational Library
5. Invite PSMF staff to participate in site visits to better understand CAHME’s accreditation process and ensure that staff are prepared to fully participate in the site visit.
6. Stay in touch regarding upcoming events, educational opportunities, white paper developments and speaking engagements pertaining to both parties.

On behalf of the CAHME Board, our accredited programs, our “Founding Programs” in healthcare quality and safety, our Corporate Members, our 250+ annual volunteers, and the organizations that our 6,000+ annual graduates of accredited programs serve in, CAHME is proud to affirm our commitment to improve patient safety through the Patient Safety Movement Foundation.

Sincerely,

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