

Frequently asked questions

What is Safest Together?

Safest Together is an initiative of the Stollery Children's Hospital and Alberta Children's Hospital to encompass the efforts we are undertaking as part of the Solutions for Patient Safety Network (SPS) to eliminate hospital acquired harm. With an *all teach, all learn* approach we are working together to adopt practices proven by other North American children's hospitals to reduce hospital acquired harm. To learn more, contact the Safest Together core committee at safest.together@ahs.ca.

Who is involved?

Patients and their families are key partners in patient safety and are vital partners in Safest Together at all levels.

The **Patient and Family Centred Care** (PFCC) team at both sites are working to recruit and train appropriate families to participate on harm prevention teams.

Each and every person working in the hospital has a role to play in keeping our patients safe. We truly are safest when we work together! Achieving zero harm will require everyone working in the hospital to learn about and apply harm prevention bundles where applicable. Change is a process and we plan to implement changes in proven, informed ways.

What is a HAC?

Hospital acquired conditions are avoidable injuries or harm events that occur within the hospital setting. Examples include central line infections, pressure injuries and adverse drug events. The goal of Safest Together is to put practices into place that will prevent HACs from happening, ideally down to zero.

What is SPS?

The Children's Hospitals' Solutions for Patient Safety (SPS) National Children's Network represents the largest effort to date by children's hospitals to create a universally safe and healing environment for all children in our care. Over 130 children's hospitals across North America are participating in this joint effort to share best-practices and learnings in order to reduce preventable patient harm. For more about SPS, visit their website: <http://www.solutionsforpatientsafety.org/>

► To learn more about this initiative, or if you are interested in contributing to this work, please contact the Safest Together team at safest.together@ahs.ca or visit ahs.ca/SafestTogether.

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