



## Western Region Alliance for Patient Safety (WRAPS)

### Charter

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#### ***Background / Definition***

We desire to impact the quality of healthcare in the western regional states so the mission of “*the right care for every person, every time*” becomes a reality. Works of collaboration, cooperation and standardization within the Western State’s region will help facilitate this goal. By working together, this group can make improvements in healthcare safety at a higher level than organizations working alone.

#### ***Purpose / Mission***

The **WRAPS** will be convened to enhance and promote patient safety by advocating the adoption of regional safe practices in health care organizations and sharing innovative work products and promising practices when possible. The **WRAPS** will prioritize work based on strategies that are efficient, effective and realistic for healthcare providers to adopt and utilize. We desire to impact the quality of healthcare in our states so the mission of “*the right care for every person, every time*” becomes a reality.

#### ***Membership***

To participate in this group, members must consider patient safety a priority, have a high interest in the work to be completed, want to work within a team context, and be willing to actively participate whether by research, product development, implementation strategies or other such needs to the extent that the initiative is supported by their organization. Members of the WRAPS include Hospital Associations, Quality Improvement Organizations, and other entities that advance the mission of this group. The Charter members will be consulted for approval of any additional members. Charter member organizations are:

Arizona:	Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association - Phoenix, Arizona
California:	California Hospital Association - Sacramento, CA
Colorado:	Colorado Foundation for Medical Care - Denver, Colorado Colorado Hospital Association – Greenwood Village, Colorado
New Mexico:	New Mexico Hospital Association - Albuquerque, NM
Nevada:	HealthInsight - Las Vegas, Nevada
Utah:	HealthInsight - Utah

#### ***Values:***

We value the concepts of:

- collaboration;
- sharing of information;
- being proactive and visible;
- respect for differences in organizational culture;
- using lessons learned and reflective learning to facilitate improvement and growth and
- celebrating success;

#### ***Principles***

In order to succeed, decisions must be made on principles that are sound and relative to patient safety. This prevents decisions being made by persuasive argument and/or peer pressure which ultimately results with rework or redesign in implementation strategies. Decisions will be made with active involvement and

opportunity for candid discussion with the goal of adoption whenever possible. Principles for decision making will be:

- remain patient centered;
- work on evidence based patient safety activities;
- focus on improved outcomes;
- remain provider and community centered;
- shared responsibility / accountability;
- work with a sense of urgency;
- eliminates redundancy and /or duplication of work
- communication between and among caregivers and patients while honoring and respecting ethnicity, generational factors and individual choice;

***Scope of Work:***

The work group will focus on initiatives as agreed upon by the **WRAPS**. This includes:

- 1) Providing support to partners on a regional level by offering “value added” and practical resources that can be easily adopted.
- 2) Assisting providers in system redesign with strategies that support simple, consistent, and “easy to do the right thing” methodologies.
- 3) Assisting hospital leaders in promoting better work environments and organizational cultures of safety.
- 4) Creating and launch regional patient safety initiatives that can be adopted universally by health care providers. Examples would be standardization of color coded wristbands, hand washing campaigns, implementation of rapid response teams, SBAR communication etc.
- 5) Promoting healthcare system results and successes to the public and provider community using strategies that are transparent, open, visible and bold.
- 6) Identify, recognize and promote leaders of provider organizations who demonstrate commitment to excellence, quality and patient safety.

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