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MAPS PSO Releases White Paper on Top 10 Patient Safety Issues for 2020

Naperville, Ill.—The Midwest Alliance for Patient Safety (MAPS) Patient Safety Organization (PSO) has released *Patient Safety Focus: Top 10 Safety Issues for 2020*, a white paper offering strategies to address some of healthcare’s top challenges. The white paper was provided to MAPS members as part of their membership, but it is also available for non-members to purchase.

“As a certified Patient Safety Organization, MAPS is committed to guiding healthcare organizations in improving care across the Midwest,” said MAPS President Helga Brake, PharmD, CPHQ, CPPS. “By sharing insights, resources and strategies, we can strengthen the patient safety efforts of healthcare organizations and our MAPS PSO community to benefit patients and families.”

The white paper includes evidence-based recommendations on the following topics:

1. Care transition handoffs;
2. *Clostridioides difficile* infections;
3. Discharge against medical advice;
4. Emergency department boarding of behavioral health patients;
5. Maternal opioid use;
6. Medical device-related pressure injuries;
7. Patient and family engagement;
8. Post-error support for clinicians;
9. Social determinants of health screening; and
10. Workplace violence de-escalation.

“To develop this white paper, we integrated information from the MAPS event reporting database, as well as our staff’s research and analysis,” said MAPS Senior Director Carrie Pinasco. “Learnings from the PSO community make it a truly collaborative and thorough resource.”

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About the Midwest Alliance for Patient Safety

The [Midwest Alliance for Patient Safety](#) (MAPS) is a federally listed Patient Safety Organization (PSO) aligned with the Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHA). Since 2010, its mission has been to promote the adoption of best practices by Midwest healthcare organizations to

improve the delivery of safe and quality care to all patients. As a non-profit organization, MAPS strives to position itself as the leading provider-sponsored PSO. Based in Naperville, Illinois, MAPS provides the opportunity to exceed standards of quality of care by providing expert clinical staff and strong programs and services focused on PSO education, strong patient-focused operations and performance improvement. Like MAPS on [Facebook](#). Follow MAPS on [Twitter](#).

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