



THA Patient Safety Organization

The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 (*Patient Safety Act*) authorized the creation of Patient Safety Organizations (PSOs) and the development of Common Formats for the uniform reporting of patient safety events.

PSOs conduct activities to improve the safety and quality of patient care and create a legally secure environment (conferring privilege and confidentiality) where clinicians and health care organizations can voluntarily report, aggregate, and analyze data, with the goal of reducing the risks and hazards associated with patient care.

The THA PSO is a federally certified patient safety organization under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). The membership of the THA PSO includes healthcare organizations across Texas and in neighboring states. These organizations include large hospital systems, small rural and Critical Access Hospitals, clinics and outpatient care centers. The variety of membership provides a rich environment for shared learning.

The THA PSO offers its members:

- Full privileges and confidentiality provide by the Patient Safety Act
- Access to a secure event reporting platform for the collection and aggregation of patient safety information
- Quarterly in-person "Safe Table" events for the confidential discussion of actual events
- De-identified summary virtual review of each Safe Table for those unable to attend
- Shared tools and resources to improve patient safety
- Access to patient safety experts and consultation
- Legal and regulatory briefs and timely patient safety advisories

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