

Patient Safety Authority State Documents

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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents

The Patient Safety Authority is an independent state agency that analyzes the data collected in PA-PSRS (Pennsylvania Patient Safety Reporting System) to identify trends and recommend changes in healthcare practices and procedures that may be instituted to reduce the number and severity of future serious events and incidents. Reportable incidents include healthcare-associated infections, abortions, or any other serious medical event from institutions like hospitals, birthing centers, surgical facilities, and nursing homes.

The publications of the Patient Safety Authority contain annual reports and strategic plans. Selected topics from these publications include patient safety, statistics, and yearly agency happenings. The bulk of the current material is dated from 2002 to 2015.

Biographical / Historical

The Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (MCARE) Act of 2002 (also referred to as "Act 13") requires acute care facilities in Pennsylvania to report instances of harm (i.e., serious events) and near misses (i.e., incidents) to the Patient Safety Authority (PSA). Statewide mandatory reporting to the Patient Safety Authority (PSA) through PA-PSRS went into effect on June 28, 2004. Further acts and amendments clarified the institutions or incidents to be reported.

General Note

The State Library of Pennsylvania has collected strategic plans and annual reports of the Patient Safety Authority from 2002 to 2015. Further materials from the Patient Safety Authority, including the *Patient Safety* journal, newsletters, and any report after 2015, can be accessed from the Pennsylvania State Archives.

Administrative Information

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