

THE 18TH ANNUAL NORTHWEST PATIENT SAFETY CONFERENCE CALL FOR SPEAKERS & POSTERS

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE DATES: OCTOBER 6-7, 2021 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
SPEAKER APPLICATION DEADLINE: JULY 1, 2021
POSTER APPLICATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2021

We are pleased to invite interested speakers to submit proposals for presentations and posters at our 18th annual conference! We seek dynamic speakers to present on their knowledge of patient safety and effectively engage a diverse set of attendees in a virtual space.

We accept applicants from across the care spectrum and strongly encourage patients and family members to submit proposals about their experiences. This year's conference is a regional collaboration between Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia, and we welcome speakers with knowledge of the diversity of our Pacific Northwest Region.

A broad set of attendees represent healthcare stakeholders including:

- Clinical program leaders and frontline clinicians from across the spectrum of care
- Graduate and undergraduate health professions students
- Interested patients, family members of patients, and community members
- MPL claims representatives and insurance professionals
- Patient advocates and patient experience officers
- Patient and family advisory council members
- Patient safety practitioners, risk managers, quality leaders, and healthcare executives
- Regulators, public health departments, and public officials.

This year's conference welcomes a wide range of presentations. Suggested topics include:

- **Community and Population Health Safety:** Covid – 19 exposed latent societal challenges (cultural, political etc.) to public health and safety as well as opened the door for innovation (telehealth, public health communication campaigns, etc.) What are best practices to address these issues?
- **COVID-19:** How the pandemic restructured health systems and exposed potential patient safety risks in workforce, care delivery, and capacity. We are especially interested in long term care experiences ensuring resident safety and patient experience with capacity disruptions.
- **Culture, Leadership, and Governance:** Building a culture of patient safety by engaging leaders and policymakers to demonstrate the deeply held professional commitment to safety.

HOW TO APPLY

Fill out and submit speaker and poster [applications here.](#)

IMPORTANT: Do not cut and paste into the online form. If you prefer to submit a hard copy or are having trouble with the online form, a Word version of the application is available.

- **Health Equity and Disparities:** Issues and solutions related to the impact of racism, bias, and social determinants on patient safety and quality.
- **Nothing About Us Without Us:** Successes and failures in collaborative healthcare interactions, outcomes, and experiences, prioritizing patient voices in healthcare.
- **Patient and Family Engagement:** Authentically reaching out to patients as partners in care and ensuring meaningful partnerships in all aspects of care design, delivery, and operations.

SPEAKERS

- The conference organizers seek speakers for 30-minute virtual breakout sessions on either Wednesday, October 6th or Thursday, October 7th.
- If a speaker proposal is accepted, the registration fees for speakers will be waived.
- Each speaker whose proposal is accepted will sign and return a Letter of Agreement by July 15, 2021 which specifies the timeline, responsibilities, and deliverables. If a speaker does not meet the conditions specified in the Letter, the conference organizers may rescind the invitation to speak.

POSTER PRESENTERS

- Posters provide a visual display describing innovative approaches to practice, education, or research via short written narratives, tables, graphs, pictures, and/or charts.
- In this virtual space, posters will be exhibited in a variety of formats on the conference web page. Poster formats may include but are not limited to: pdfs, recorded poster presentations, and/or images/graphics. Poster presenters are encouraged to be available for online Q&A before the plenary sessions and during breaks to discuss their project via chat.
- All posters must be free of commercial bias.



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ABOUT THE NORTHWEST PATIENT SAFETY CONFERENCE

Now in its 18th year, the [Northwest Patient Safety Conference](#) is the only event of its kind in the Western US, uniting healthcare professionals, providers, patients, families, and caregivers from all care settings for networking and engaging in sessions with industry thought leaders invested in improving the patient experience. This year's conference is a regional collaboration between the Washington Patient Safety Coalition, the Oregon Patient Safety Commission, and the British Columbia Patient Safety and Quality Council.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE COLLABORATORS

This year, the Northwest Patient Safety Conference will be hosted by the Washington Patient Safety Coalition and co-hosted by the BC Patient Safety & Quality Council and Oregon Patient Safety Commission.

The [Washington Patient Safety Coalition](#) (WPSC) brings together 40+ organizations representing healthcare systems, long-term care, associations, regulatory and patient advocacy groups across the state of Washington to focus on achieving common patient safety goals. Our mission is to improve safety for people receiving health care in Washington, in all care settings, every time, everywhere.

The WPSC is a program of the [Foundation for Health Care Quality](#), a nonprofit organization founded in 1988 as a trusted, independent resource focused on improving outcomes, affordability, and experience.

The [BC Patient Safety & Quality Council](#) delivers the latest knowledge from home and abroad to champion and support high-quality care for every person in our province. This system-wide impact requires creativity and innovative thinking, which we combine with evidence-informed strategies to shift culture, improve clinical practice and accelerate our partners' improvement efforts. If you want to improve BC's health care system, visit [BCPSQC.ca](#) to access programs and resources that can help you start today.

The [Oregon Patient Safety Commission](#) (OPSC) is a semi-independent state agency that supports healthcare facilities and providers in improving patient safety. We encourage broad information sharing, ongoing education, and open conversations to cultivate a more trusted healthcare system for the benefit of all Oregonians. Our overarching goal is to help organizations build a culture of patient safety as the foundation of their efforts to prevent serious harm and raise Oregon's standard of care.