

# Washington

## PATIENT SAFETY COALITION

## THE 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

## NORTHWEST PATIENT SAFETY CONFERENCE

### CALL FOR SPEAKERS & POSTERS

**CONFERENCE DATE:** MAY 11, 2020

~~**SPEAKER PROPOSAL EARLY BIRD DEADLINE:** DECEMBER 1, 2019~~

~~**SPEAKER PROPOSAL SUBMISSION CLOSES:** FEBRUARY 1, 2020~~

**POSTER DEADLINE:** APRIL 1, 2020

We are pleased to invite interested speakers to submit proposals for presentations and posters at our 18<sup>th</sup> annual conference! We seek experienced, dynamic speakers who can present on their involvement with topics related to the conference theme for 2020 and engage effectively with our diverse set of attendees.

We welcome proposals from across the care spectrum and especially encourage those for interactive workshops and patients and patient advocates who wish to speak.

This annual event draws healthcare leaders from across the Northwest including:

- Safety, quality, and risk professionals from provider organizations and insurers
- Patients and family members who serve as care partners on advisory committees
- Physicians, nurses, and frontline clinicians from across the spectrum of care
- MHA, MPH and Health Profession Students
- Clinical program leaders
- Patient advocates
- State agencies

This year's theme is: **DRIVING TOWARD COLLABORATION AND SAFETY**

*With this theme we'd encourage presenters to think about:*

**Collaboration with patients and families:** How can providers better engage patients and families as valued parts of the care team?

**Collaboration within organizations and care teams:** What can organizations do to break down communication silos and encourage collaboration to strengthen care teams?

**Collaboration within care transitions:** How can patient's best be cared for with collaborative communication when being transferred between facilities or departments?

**Collaboration with patient advocates:** How can patient advocates be brought in as valuable collaborators, helping patients to advocate for themselves?

#### **Potential Topic Tracks:**

*We encourage, but are not limited to, presentations that speak to the following:*

**On Ramps:** Where have we been? In the midst of new changes, how can we maintain the origins of the patient safety movement and the best practices that came out of it? How can collaboration help us keep the momentum?

**Milemarkers:** Where are we now? What collaborative innovations are being made right now in your organization or practice and what shared learning can be gained from them?

**Destinations:** Where are we going, and how do we get there? What does collaboration look like in 2020 and beyond? What collaborative partnerships, ideas, and innovations are on the horizon?

## POSTER PRESENTERS

- All posters must be in Styrofoam board, or able to rest free standing on an easel
- All posters must be free of commercial bias.
- Posters will be exhibited all day on the wall of a designated conference room. Authors are encouraged to be present with the poster before the plenary sessions and during breaks to discuss the project one-on-one with conference participants, and may provide handouts or printouts of the poster.
- Posters provide a visual display describing innovative approaches to practice, education, or research via short written narratives, tables, graphs, pictures, and/or charts. Maximum poster size is 36" x 48".
- A prize will be awarded for the best poster, selected by vote of the conference attendees.

## ABOUT THE WASHINGTON PATIENT SAFETY COALITION

The Washington Patient Safety Coalition brings together a diverse group of participants to focus on achieving common patient safety goals. Our mission is to improve safety for patients receiving health care in Washington, in all care settings, with a vision of safe care for every patient, every time, everywhere. The WPSC is a program of the Foundation for Health Care Quality, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing a trusted, independent, third party resource to all participants in the health care community – including patients, providers, payers, employers, government agencies, and public health professionals.

## 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 a day of networking and engaging in sessions with industry thought leaders and others invested in improving the patient experience.

## HOW TO APPLY

**Preferred:** Fill out and submit abstract [applications here](#).

**IMPORTANT:** Do not cut and paste into the online form. The application contains directions for making edits at a later time should you need to.

We strongly prefer online proposals but if you are having trouble with the online form, a Word version of the application is available by request.  
(contact [kgray@qualityhealth.org](mailto:kgray@qualityhealth.org))