



Newborn and Child Safety



InterProfessional Patient Safety Education and Practice

Strong Teams, Engaged Children and Families, Safe practice,
Use of information, Commitment to Safety Improvement
Together create Safer Healthcare Systems.

1. Working in Teams

- **Policy Level**
Develop national guidelines for interprofessional training for healthcare professionals involved in pediatric care to promote effective teamwork and communication.
- **Management Level**
Implement structured multidisciplinary rounds in pediatric units to ensure joint decision-making and shared accountability for patient safety.
- **Frontline Level**
Actively participate in daily team briefings, huddles and debriefs to discuss safety concerns and coordinate care plans for newborns and children.

2. Engaging Children and Families

- **Policy Level**
Develop policies that require inclusion of family-centered care principles in pediatric safety standards to ensure parents are recognized as key partners in safe care.
- **Management Level**
Create programs that enable staff to communicate safety information effectively to parents and children.
- **Frontline Level**
Encourage parents to speak up about any safety concerns and include them in verifying medication and treatment plans for their children.

3. Practicing Safely

- **Policy Level**
Establish national standards for pediatric safe practices that take into consideration child physiologic characteristics.
- **Management Level**
Audit adherence to safety protocols along child-care pathway within pediatric settings.
- **Frontline Level**
Conduct risk screening and assessments as part of pediatric comprehensive care plans.

4. Using Informatics

- **Policy Level**
Establish national standards for pediatric health records to include pediatric-specific safety alerts.
- **Management Level**
Utilize dashboards to monitor safety metrics for neonatal and pediatric care.
- **Frontline Level**
Ensure staff are trained in using pediatric health records to document safety information accurately and contribute to established safety dashboards.

5. Improving Safety

- **Policy Level**
Set national targets for reducing preventable harm in neonatal and pediatric care.
- **Management Level**
Create interprofessional teams (nurses, neonatologists, pharmacists) to review safety events involving newborns and children.
- **Frontline Level**
Foster psychological safety so all team members feel empowered to speak up if they notice safety risks.