



How Would a National Patient Safety Board (NPSB) Benefit Patients and Families?

1. The NPSB, with the sole mission of improving patient safety, will give patient safety a federal home, ensure coordination of patient safety efforts, and serve as the centralized point of contact for patient safety-related challenges.
2. The creation and existence of the NPSB sends a strong message to health providers and administrators that safety is a top national priority.
3. The NPSB Act requires the integration of patient and family representatives at the top governance level where priorities are set.
4. The NPSB may also have the power to examine certain cases to further understand early indicators of patient safety risks.
5. The NPSB will feature a reporting portal that will provide a new pathway for patients, healthcare staff, and others to report data and concerns about healthcare-associated risks, harms, or injury, which would otherwise remain uncollected.
6. Along with patient safety reports, the NPSB will have access to a large dataset of injuries and harms that occur in health care. Therefore, these events will have a much greater likelihood of being identified quickly and even anticipated before they happen with artificial intelligence.
7. NPSB's data and information will be analyzed and used to inform research, develop solutions, and make recommendations for stakeholders responsible for ensuring safety, for example State departments of health, professional licensing boards, accreditors, Federal agencies, and healthcare providers to prevent harm and injury from reoccurring in healthcare settings across the U.S.
8. To gain consensus on the solutions that need to be adopted, the NPSB would have a multi-disciplinary, public-private healthcare safety team with patient and family representatives on the team. This process creates buy-in, increasing the likelihood that the solutions would be adopted by health systems, federal agencies, and other stakeholders in the private and public sectors to fix the systemic causes of safety risks.