

# PATIENT SAFETY FOCUS

## Top 10 Issues for 2024

The Midwest Alliance for Patient Safety developed *Patient Safety Focus: Top 10 Issues for 2024*, a white paper that offers extensive resources for members. The top issues emerged from MAPS members' submitted events, expert input, literature review and shared learnings.



### ISSUE 1

#### Medication Errors

An "underreported burden," adverse drug events affect over 7 million patients annually and cost \$21 billion across healthcare settings.



### ISSUE 2

#### Community Births

Childbirth outside the hospital setting has grown significantly since 2000, with Illinois home births increasing 64% from 2019-2021.

### ISSUE 3

#### Pediatric Mental Health

Illinois youth aged 5-19 accounted for over 81,000 emergency department visits for suicidal ideation from 2016 to June 2020.

### ISSUE 4

#### Diagnostic Errors

Diagnostic errors in primary care impact 12 million Americans every year. Many errors result in serious permanent damage or death.



## ISSUE 5

### Cybersecurity Incidents

Threatening patient safety and care delivery, cybersecurity incidents continue to rise as healthcare facilities remain top targets.



## ISSUE 6

### Virtual Nursing

With the integration of patient safety standards, adding virtual nurses to the care team can help address increased patient complexity.

## ISSUE 7

### Fall Prevention

Falls among older adults account for 3 million emergency department visits and over 950,000 hospitalizations every year.

## ISSUE 8

### Risks of Artificial Intelligence

AI could pose risks to patient safety including system errors, data privacy and accuracy, over-dependency, and misdiagnosis.



## ISSUE 9

### Care Transitions

Nearly 20% of the 35 million U.S. patients discharged annually experience an adverse event within three weeks of discharge.



## ISSUE 10

### Governing Board Oversight

Hospitals with governing boards that prioritize patient safety outperform their peers in providing safer, higher-quality care.

# Join MAPS PSO in addressing these key patient safety issues

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