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## The **Nebraska** Coalition for Patient Safety (NCPS)

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- Analyzes reported patient safety events
- Ensures compliance with the Patient Safety Improvement Act
- Shares critical alerts and notifications from national quality and safety organizations
- Communicates and promotes evidence-based best practices
- Establishes benchmark goals for statewide quality initiatives
- Partners with other Nebraska patient safety and quality organizations to avoid duplication of efforts
- Conducts educational seminars

To learn more about patient safety initiatives, visit:

- [www.nhanet.org](http://www.nhanet.org)
- [www.nebmed.org](http://www.nebmed.org)
- [www.npharm.org](http://www.npharm.org)
- [www.nebraskapa.org](http://www.nebraskapa.org)
- [www.nursingworld.org/cmas/ne](http://www.nursingworld.org/cmas/ne)



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*Improving the safety and quality of health care delivery in Nebraska*



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## Overview

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In 2005, the Nebraska State Legislature passed the Patient Safety Improvement Act. The purpose of the Act is to create a learning environment for health care providers and to foster a culture of quality. The Act calls



for the formation of a patient safety organization, the Nebraska Coalition for Patient Safety (NCPS). The ultimate goal is to work together, learning from each other to consistently deliver high quality health care. The Patient Safety Improvement Act does this by establishing a reporting structure for adverse health events and/or “near misses”, protecting the information reported to it from discovery, and sharing information designed to improve health care delivery systems and reduce the incidence of adverse health events.

The Nebraska Coalition for Patient Safety is comprised of organizations that are committed to achieving excellence in health care delivery. The founding organizations are the Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants, the Nebraska Hospital Association, the Nebraska Medical Association, the Nebraska Nurses Association, and the Nebraska Pharmacists Association.

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## Responsibilities

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The NCPS is responsible for analyzing reported patient safety events and ensuring compliance with the Patient Safety Improvement Act. Once the federal regulations are finalized, the Coalition will apply to serve as the state’s patient safety organization for federal reporting purposes.

The NCPS facilitates a learning environment within health care by sharing critical alerts and notifications from national quality and safety organizations, such as the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the Institute for Safe Medication Practices and the National Patient Safety Foundation. The Coalition communicates and promotes evidence-based best practices, establishes benchmark goals for statewide quality initiatives, and partners with other Nebraska patient safety and quality organizations to avoid duplication of efforts and enhance the effectiveness of current initiatives. The NCPS conducts educational seminars, both regionally and statewide, for quality and patient safety.

To learn more about patient safety and quality, please visit any of the Web sites listed on the next panel.