



## 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.