

## RESOURCE BULLETIN

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### Summary of this bulletin

This bulletin directs you to an Australian and an international resource that highlight the importance of patient safety to health care professionals, researchers and policy makers in the health care sphere. These are available in electronic format—email and web-based:

- *Australian Patient Safety Bulletin* Newsletter of the NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence in Patient Safety
- *Patient Safety Network* of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

#### Australian Patient Safety Bulletin *Newsletter of the NHMRC CRE in Patient Safety*

The Australian Patient Safety Bulletin is produced by the Centre for Research Excellence (CRE) in Patient Safety which is funded by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare and housed in the Department of Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine, Monash University, Alfred Hospital. The CRE is a multidisciplinary team of researchers who provide assistance to people doing research in the quality and safety sphere. It was established with a view to providing linkage and exchange functions for researchers, health professionals and decision-makers. The CRE has 6 project portfolios including: Improving Communication, Health Information Technology, and Medication Safety.

The Bulletins are primarily aimed at clinicians to keep them abreast of the latest literature in the quality and safety field. They contain summaries of high quality articles, direct you to resources on their website and occasionally promote CRE activities. Articles of interest in recent bulletins relate to communication between hospitals and community, and between doctors and consumers (Issue 5); evaluation around incident reporting, evaluating teamwork, and supporting patients in decision making (Issue 6). A series on the practicalities of research features in recent bulletins— they discuss how to develop a research question, and choosing a study design; and Issue 7 due in October will discuss elements of research study development.

On the CRE website select *Patient Safety Bulletin* (for .pdfs of Bulletins): [CRE in Patient Safety](#)

#### Patient Safety Network (PSNet) *of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)*

Patient Safety Network (PSNet) is a national web-based resource that comes out of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) of the US Department of Health and Human Services. The AHRQ PSNet features links to the latest literature, tools and news in patient safety, as well as an annotated collection of resources.

Gain access to all new content on the website for the current week at: [AHRQ Patient Safety Network](#)

This page of PSNet features journal articles (e.g. *Adverse drug events in pediatric outpatients*, Kaushal et al.), magazine and newspaper articles (e.g. *Fluorouracil error ends tragically*, Institute for Safe Medication Practices) as well as tools and toolkits (e.g. *How to develop a community-based patient advisory council*, Leonhardt et al.) and news of conferences and events. The website offers access to comprehensive collections of resources through flexible browse/searching facility, as well as subscription to PSNet (you receive weekly email newsletters on the latest patient safety information available) and the ability to customise information in your area of interest. Subscription is also available to AHRQ WebM&M (Morbidity & Mortality Rounds on the Web), an email newsletter that alerts you to the latest monthly journal around commentaries and perspectives on medical error.

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