



# Putting Patient Safety FIRST in Florida



A component of the **Florida Hospital Association** and the **South Florida Hospital & Healthcare Association**, **PSOFlorida** is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. PSOFlorida's mission is to improve the safety and quality of health care delivery through the application of science and implementation of best practice evidence with the objective of preventing patient injury or death.

The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act (PSQIA) of 2005 authorized the creation of Patient Safety Organizations (PSOs) and the development of Common Formats for the uniform reporting of patient safety events.

PSOs conduct activities to improve the safety and quality of patient care and create a legally secure environment (*conferring privilege and confidentiality*) where clinicians and health care organizations can voluntarily report, aggregate, and analyze data, with the goal of reducing the risks and hazards associated with care delivery.

PSOFlorida is supported by the ECRI Institute with individuals comprised of an internal analytics team, and interdisciplinary staff including physicians, nurses, biomedical engineers, quality, legal and risk management professionals.

PSOFlorida is a federally certified PSO under the Department of Health and Human Services through the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). We serve as a PSO directly for healthcare organizations and providers across Florida as well as other states where there are affiliate providers. These organizations include large hospital systems, small rural and critical access hospitals, clinics, and outpatient care centers. The diversity of membership provides a rich environment for shared learning.

## Are You Looking to Join a PSO?



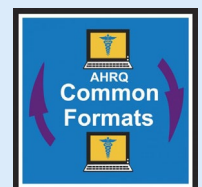
PSOFlorida services are based on applied research, interactive tools and a learning network. Hospitals can take advantage of the federally structured program to access a real-time national de-identified comparative database.

### PSOFlorida Basic Subscription

To allow individual hospitals and providers to take advantage of the federal program and to encourage participation in creating and accessing a de-identified comparative database that allows you to obtain real-time reports, consider our PSO Subscription. It provides an online patient safety reporting system, real-time reports, root cause analyses and other peer review information critiques and advisories.

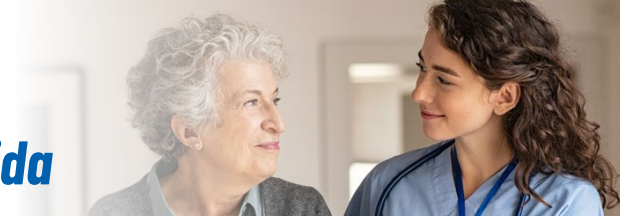
### Online Patient Safety Reporting System

PSOFlorida uses this online patient safety reporting system to capture patient safety data in a standardized manner compatible with AHRQ's common data formats, NQF event and CMS hospital-acquired conditions. The platform provides a secure way for PSOFlorida to accept data from providers using any electronic system, as well as an intuitive interface for manual entry.





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## PSOFlorida offers its members:

- ✔ Full privileges and confidentiality provided by the Patient Safety Act
- ✔ Access to a secure reporting platform for the collection and aggregation of patient safety work product
- ✔ Quarterly virtual “Safe Table” events for the confidential discussion of actual events
- ✔ Shared tools and resources to improve patient safety
- ✔ Access to patient safety experts and consultation
- ✔ Legal and regulatory briefs and quarterly Learning Forums

## Learn More at [FLPatientSafety.org](http://FLPatientSafety.org) or Contact Us

Whether you are interested in a PSOFlorida subscription or just have questions about the Federal Patient Safety rule, we would be happy to hear from you.

Please visit [flpatientsafety.org](http://flpatientsafety.org) or [information@flpatientsafety.org](mailto:information@flpatientsafety.org).

### About PSOFlorida

PSOFlorida has been formed as a component organization of the Florida Hospital Association and the South Florida Hospital & Healthcare Association under the authority of the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005.

PSOFlorida was established to assist hospitals, health care systems, and others in providing the safest and highest quality of care to their patients.



**Mission to Care. Vision to Lead.**



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