FACT SHEET

JOINT PATIENT SAFETY REPORTING

IMPROVING PATIENT SAFETY REPORTING FOR DOD-VHA

Joint Patient Safety Reporting (JPSR) is a web-based application that will integrate the Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Veterans Health Administration (VHA) patient safety reporting organizations to create a joint global application.

The joint application will improve identification and documentation of patient safety related events for VA medical center, military hospital and clinic staff, active duty, veterans and their families. Joint processes will standardize the collection of common data points and encourage increased collaboration through the pursuit of common goals. This effort will provide more awareness and insight into safety related incidents which will increase the early detection and prevention of future patient harm.

Background:

In October 2001, a Congressional mandate of PL 106-398. PL 106-398 (Sec 742) established a requirement for the DoD and the VHA to develop processes for sharing information regarding error tracking as it relates to patient care.

Key Features

- Web-based event submission form with reporting option
- Secure online management system
- Robust reporting module
- Personal Identity Verification (PIV) and Common Access Card (CAC) enabled

Key Benefits

- Increase frequency and consistency of reporting across Federal Healthcare enterprise
- Enhances quality and granularity of reports
- Identifies trends, issues and lessons learned at a national and/or interagency level
- Generate cost efficiencies by sharing software licenses and data centers
- Reduces costs of system maintenance and help-desk/training workload
- Provides DoD and VHA with a common taxonomy for patient safety events to study system and process vulnerabilities
- Aligns with future expansion of collaborative opportunities between DoD and VHA to determine common issues and implement evidence based solutions
- Provides increased communication around quality and safety

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