

## CREATIVE ACTIVITIES RESOURCE – DoD Patient Safety Program

The activities provided below are suggestions to help guide your PSAW celebrations from March 14-20. Whether you use these as a guide or develop your own activities, have fun participating in PSAW! Discuss photography and article needs with the PAO well in advance of your event. **Please tag all PAO-approved photos/articles shared on social media with #PSAW2021 or email to [dha.patientsafety@mail.mil](mailto:dha.patientsafety@mail.mil).** Also, please share this DHA PSAW video: [DVIDS - Video - Patient Safety Week 2021](https://www.dvidshub.net/video/783963/patient-safety-week-2021) (<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/783963/patient-safety-week-2021>)

[Remember that all of the activities must meet the safe social distancing requirements.](#)

### Monday - March 15, 2021

Have a sports day and wear your team's jerseys or team colors. Use football terms to describe patient safety actions. Decorate the breakroom or hallways and use the terms below throughout the day. For example:

- "Tackle" problems before they occur: Remind staff to always use two patient identifiers, confirm the correct procedure and site, and complete medication reconciliation forms.
- "Hand-off": Remind staff about proper hand-off communication.
- "Time outs": Involve the whole team in the surgical time out.
- "Get to the goal line": Focus on ways to meet Joint Commission's National Patient Safety Goal for medication safety, take extra care with patients who take blood thinners, and label all syringes and medication on and off areas where medicines and supplies are set up.
- "Safety": Address issues such as not recapping needles or passing instruments in the safe zone and ensuring alarms can be heard.
- "Defense": Remember proper hand hygiene as a good preventative measure.
- "Promote teamwork": Unsportsmanlike-conduct is a penalty.

### Tuesday - March 16, 2021

Apply the popular KonMari Method to patient safety. This method trend uses various strategies to declutter and organize an environment. For example:

- Throughout the day, ask patients and/or staff to identify and document actions or clinic procedures they believe impede the path to patient care. Healthcare staff will then take these notes, discuss them as a healthcare team, and consider solutions that will alleviate the patient's concerns and "spark joy" for the patient and healthcare team.
- Organize materials in supply rooms, medical storage closets, or patient areas to create sterile, clean, and organized environments that "spark joy". Store items used most often within easy reach and place lesser used items on shelves or on the ground in clear containers.

### Wednesday - March 17, 2021

Hold an "Escape Room" where teams of 6-8 people use critical thinking skills and teamwork to solve puzzles and complete a mission about patient safety. Teams will have 25 minutes to solve

puzzles and make the mock patient as safe as possible before they can escape the room. For example:

- Participants can sign up as teams or individuals using online or in-person sign-up sheets.
- Consider having the “Escape Room” open from 5:00am-2:00pm to ensure that night shift workers can participate in the event.
- Have two people or organizers oversee the “Escape Room” throughout the day.
- Teams can be multidisciplinary (e.g., social workers, physical therapists, MDs, CNAs, nursing students, quality and safety team).
- Participants can solve four puzzles and respond to hints and clues to escape the room.
- The “Escape Room” format will allow for different types of learning (auditory, visual, and kinetic), and participants can touch items and discuss openly.
- After each team completes the mission, teams should debrief with the “Escape Room” organizers.
- Puzzle Example: Four antibiotics are running on four separate channels on an IV pump. The IV tubing has become tangled, causing two of the channels to malfunction and stop working. The team needs to determine which antibiotic orders to administer to the patient.

### **Thursday - March 18, 2021**

Play patient safety Bingo or Jeopardy! To play Bingo, print and distribute copies of the Bingo sheets below to patients or staff. To play Jeopardy, use this [site \(https://jeopardylabs.com/play/national-patient-safety-goals3\)](https://jeopardylabs.com/play/national-patient-safety-goals3) to find a ready-to-go template or create your own sheet! Use categories such as patient identification, communication, infection, safety risks, and medication safety to write answers that participants must match with the correct questions.

### **Friday - March 19, 2021**

Ask a small healthcare team (2-3 people) to dress as purple monsters. This team will walk around the facility questioning staff about which types of personal protective equipment should be worn when preventing exposure to blood and bodily fluids.

### **Additional Activities\***

- Host a “Quality and Patient Safety Fair”. A senior staff member can dress up as a train conductor and hop on and off the train as they explain the components of clinical excellence.
- Use “Safety Sam” (a CPR mannequin) and pretend he is brought to the hospital after a suicide attempt. The mannequin should be placed in a makeshift hospital room, and staff must name at least five things that were missed or went wrong with Sam’s care.
- Draw a picture of a patient area with 10 to 15 safety violations. Post it wherever learners are most likely to see it (e.g., bulletin boards, computer screens, hospital newsletter, etc.) Offer a prize (e.g., free lunch or dinner in the cafeteria) for the first 10 nurses, or others as appropriate, who correctly identify the violations. Making a “contest” with a reward attached generates discussion and stimulates interest.
- Write a scenario involving a medication error. Ask nurses to respond by identifying the point(s) where the error could have been prevented. Include a variety of points, such as the order being transcribed incorrectly, mislabeling at the pharmacy, failure to check two patient identifiers, etc. In addition, ask the nursing staff to come up with a creative scenario about error prevention. Come up with guidelines and make it a contest with members of the education council or other groups acting as judges.

# DoD Patient Safety Program

## Patient Safety Awareness Week, March 14-20, 2021

### BINGO

#### **Bingo Sheet #1**

|                      |                                      |                             |                            |                            |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Clean Up Spills      | Best Safety Practices                | Infection Was Prevented     | Level of Urgency           | First Aid Kit Locations    |
| Clearly Communicated | Oh No, Not the Scale!                | Military Treatment Facility | Courteous Greeting         | Received Patient Care Plan |
| Latex Free Gloves    | Assessment                           | FREE                        | Question and Clarify       | Nurse                      |
| Safety Concerns      | Identified Patient Correctly by Name | Pharmacist                  | Active Participant in Care | Healthcare Team            |
| Doctor               | Discussed Safe Medicine Usage        | Teamwork                    | Patient and Family         | I Had a Great Visit Today! |

Thank you for playing and participating in Patient Safety Awareness Week!  
#PSAW2021

Patient Safety Awareness Week (PSAW) is a national education and awareness-building campaign to encourage all hospitals, clinics, and healthcare organizations to participate in the journey towards safer care and zero harm. For more information, visit the DoD Patient Safety Program on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/dodpatientsafety/) (<https://www.facebook.com/dodpatientsafety/>).

**DoD Patient Safety Program**  
**Patient Safety Awareness Week, March 14-20, 2021**  
**BINGO**

**Bingo Sheet #2**

|                      |                            |                            |                                      |                             |
|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Clean Up Spills      | Level of Urgency           | First Aid Kit Locations    | Best Safety Practices                | Infection Was Prevented     |
| Clearly Communicated | Courteous Greeting         | Received Patient Care Plan | Oh No, Not the Scale!                | Military Treatment Facility |
| Latex Free Gloves    | Question and Clarify       | FREE                       | Assessment                           | Nurse                       |
| Safety Concerns      | Active Participant in Care | Healthcare Team            | Identified Patient Correctly by Name | Pharmacist                  |
| Doctor               | Patient and Family         | I Had a Great Visit Today! | Discussed Safe Medicine Usage        | Teamwork                    |

Thank you for playing and participating in Patient Safety Awareness Week!  
 #PSAW2021

Patient Safety Awareness Week (PSAW) is a national education and awareness-building campaign to encourage all hospitals, clinics, and healthcare organizations to participate in the journey towards safer care and zero harm. For more information, visit the DoD Patient Safety Program on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/dodpatientsafety/) (<https://www.facebook.com/dodpatientsafety/>).

**DoD Patient Safety Program**  
**Patient Safety Awareness Week, March 14-20, 2021**  
**BINGO**

**Bingo Sheet #3**

|                            |                      |                                      |                             |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| First Aid Kit Locations    | Clean Up Spills      | Discussed Safe Medicine Usage        | Infection Was Prevented     | I Had a Great Visit Today! |
| Question and Clarify       | Safety Concerns      | Identified Patient Correctly by Name | Pharmacist                  | Active Participant in Care |
| Received Patient Care Plan | Clearly Communicated | FREE                                 | Oh No, Not the Scale!       | Courteous Greeting         |
| Nurse                      | Latex Free Gloves    | Assessment                           | Military Treatment Facility | Healthcare Team            |
| Level of Urgency           | Doctor               | Best Safety Practices                | Teamwork                    | Patient and Family         |

Thank you for playing and participating in Patient Safety Awareness Week!  
 #PSAW2021

Patient Safety Awareness Week (PSAW) is a national education and awareness-building campaign to encourage all hospitals, clinics, and healthcare organizations to participate in the journey towards safer care and zero harm. For more information, visit the DoD Patient Safety Program on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/dodpatientsafety/) (<https://www.facebook.com/dodpatientsafety/>).