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Whether you are interested in a PSOFlorida Basic Subscription or a PSO Plus Membership, or just have questions about the Federal Patient Safety rule, we would be happy to hear from you. Please visit PSOFlorida.org or contact us at (850) 222-9800 or PSO@PSOFlorida.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, healthcare systems, and others in providing the safest and highest quality of care to their patients.



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**A federally-designated
Patient Safety Organization backed
by the experience, independence,
and integrity of ECRI Institute.**

Taking Full Advantage of the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act

What are the best ways to learn about best practices in patient safety and share knowledge? To access the new legal protections? Prioritize your patient safety initiatives? Effectively and efficiently implement improvements?

Concerned about taking on the administrative burden of a PSO? Analyzing adverse event reports? Getting real time de-identified data from other organizations to make comparisons with your hospital, health system, state, or national experience? Need an easy-to-use, flexible reporting system?

PSOFlorida has been officially listed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as a federal Patient Safety Organization under the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005. We serve as a PSO directly for providers, with support services provided by the ECRI Institute PSO.

Are You Looking to Join a PSO?

PSOFlorida services are based on applied research, interactive tools, a learning network, and a reporting platform powered by rL Solutions. Hospitals can take advantage of the new federal 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 new 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 Basic PSO Subscription. It provides an internet-based patient safety reporting system, real-time reports, root cause analyses, and other peer review information critiques and advisories.

PSO Plus Membership

Effectively and efficiently implement patient safety improvements with this enhanced program, which is offered at a discount to PSOFlorida subscribers from ECRI Institute PSO. This robust program is designed to help you learn, share, connect with colleagues, get tools, get protection—and implement improvements. It provides reporting tools, member-specific analytics, assessments, culture-of-safety recommendations, interactive tools, root cause critiques, best practices, CME, and advisories.



Mission and Personnel

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 healthcare delivery through the application of science and implementation of best practice evidence with the objective of preventing patient injury or death.

PSOFlorida is supported by the ECRI Institute PSO. The internal analytics team comprises an interdisciplinary staff of physicians, nurses, biomedical engineers, instructional designers, quality, legal, and risk management professionals, individuals with safety, education, science, and engineering backgrounds, statisticians, data analysts, and information technology experts.

40 Years of Patient Safety Experience

ECRI Institute's 40 years of experience includes:

- ❑ Analyzing more than one million adverse event reports;
- ❑ Operating problem reporting systems and safety initiatives;
- ❑ Creating programs in patient safety, quality management, and related analytics;
- ❑ Investigating events; and
- ❑ Publishing authoritative risk reduction strategies and interactive tools.



ECRI Institute is designated an Evidence-based Practice Center by the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and a Collaborating Center for Patient Safety, Risk Management, and Healthcare Technology by the World Health Organization. ECRI Institute has developed and implements the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Reporting System, a mandatory error and near-miss reporting program for Pennsylvania hospitals and other healthcare facilities, under contract to the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority.

Web-based Patient Safety Reporting System Powered by rL Solutions

PSOFlorida uses a Web-based patient safety reporting system powered by rL Solutions to capture patient safety data in a standardized manner compatible with AHRQ's common data formats, NQF events, 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 Web-based manual entry. rL Solutions, a leading software company with deep experience in adverse event reporting, provides proven risk management, patient feedback, claims, and infection control software for over 500 clients. Visit www.rL-solutions.com.