Patient Safety Advisory Group

- Helps identify critical and emerging patient safety issues
- Suggests effective methods for reducing patient safety risks

The Patient Safety Advisory Group is comprised of nurses, physicians, pharmacists, risk managers and other professionals who have hands-on experience in addressing patient safety issues in a wide variety of health care settings. The group also:
  - Reviews draft patient safety recommendations for potential publication in the Joint Commission’s periodic *Sentinel Event Alert* advisory, and advises Joint Commission staff as to the evidence for and face validity of these recommendations, as well as their practicality and cost of implementation.
  - Recommends potential future topics for *Sentinel Event Alert* and *Quick Safety*.

In April 2002, The Joint Commission appointed a panel of widely recognized patient safety experts to advise it on the development of *Sentinel Event Alert*, The Joint Commission’s patient safety newsletter. At that time, the panel was named the Sentinel Event Advisory Group. Over time, the group’s responsibilities expanded and in 2009 the panel was renamed the Patient Safety Advisory Group.

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