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**Maryland Patient Safety Center Announces Updates to its Board of Directors**

Elkridge, Md – September 13, 2022 - The Maryland Patient Safety Center (MPSC), the state’s officially designated center for patient safety and quality improvement programs and education, recently announced several important updates to its Board of Directors.

Rollin J. “Terry” Fairbanks, MD, MS, has been appointed as the new Board chair. Dr. Fairbanks is the vice president and Chief Quality and Safety Officer at MedStar Health, professor of emergency medicine at Georgetown University, and founding director of the National Center for Human Factors in Healthcare.

David Mayer, MD, Executive Director of the MedStar Institute for Quality and Safety and MPSC Board chair, and Andrea Hyatt, president of the Maryland Ambulatory Surgery Association and MPSC Board member, have both finished their terms on the Board of Directors.

“We are grateful for the leadership Dave and Andrea have provided for us and for all that they’ve done, guiding our mission and activities at the Maryland Patient Safety Center,” said Blair Eig, MD, president & CEO of the Maryland Patient Safety Center. “We are honored to now be led by and to learn from Terry, who has dedicated his life to improving healthcare quality and safety.”

“I am honored to serve the Maryland Patient Safety Center Board of Directors as chair,” said Dr. Fairbanks. “This is an organization that has done so much to improve and spread awareness about patient safety and healthcare quality, and I am looking forward to being a part of the vision and leadership of these important efforts throughout Maryland and beyond.”

The Maryland Patient Safety Center also wishes to recognize the passing of Podge Reed, a patient advocate who served on the MPSC Board for five years. His passion for improving the patient and family experience was inspiring. The staff and board of the MPSC are grateful for his service and send our deepest condolences to his loved ones.

**About the Maryland Patient Safety Center**

The Maryland Patient Safety Center brings together hospitals and healthcare providers to improve patient safety and health care quality for all Marylanders. The goal of the Patient Safety Center is making healthcare in Maryland the safest in the nation by focusing on the systems of care, reducing the occurrence of adverse events, and improving the culture of patient safety with organizations throughout the healthcare continuum. For more information, visit <https://marylandpatientsafety.org/>.

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