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**Maryland Patient Safety Center Names Dr. Adriane Burgess as  
Director of Perinatal and Neonatal Quality and Patient Safety**

Elkridge, Md – October 6, 2022 - The Maryland Patient Safety Center (MPSC), the state’s officially designated center for patient safety and quality improvement programs and education, is pleased to announce the appointment of Adriane Burgess as its Director of Perinatal and Neonatal Quality and Patient Safety. In this newly created position with MPSC, Dr. Burgess will manage all aspects of the [B.I.R.T.H. Equity Maryland Program](#), among other maternal health projects.

Dr. Burgess is a registered nurse and brings more than 25 years of experience working in variety of maternal/child health clinical settings to her new role. She also has served as an Assistant Professor of Nursing, where she coordinated Maternal Child Nursing clinical and didactic courses.

Dr. Burgess holds a variety of certifications in health care quality, education, and obstetrical care. Her passion for supporting initiatives aimed at improving the health and outcomes of birthing people and their babies make her an ideal selection for this role.

“Preventing harm in those who give birth is essential, and Maryland has the same problem with this issue as the rest of the United States,” said MPSC President and CEO, Dr. Blair Eig. “Our team plays a critical role in many current and future maternal health initiatives to reduce and eliminate preventable harm. Having Dr. Burgess lead us in this arena is an incredible asset, not just to the Maryland Patient Safety Center, but to healthcare professionals and patients throughout the state. We are determined to move this needle and we are determined to save lives.”

Dr. Burgess received her PhD in Nursing in 2017 from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee where her dissertation focused on Maternal ABO Blood Type and its Association with Preeclampsia Subtype.

The author of numerous peer reviewed journal articles on topics in maternal child health clinical quality, Dr. Burgess is invited to speak regularly at the local and national level. She has led numerous interdisciplinary team projects several of which have won national awards for their innovative quality improvement work including awards from Safe Healthcare for Every

Woman, the Association of Women's Health Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN), and the Department of Health and Human Services.

"I was born and raised in Maryland. I gave birth to my three children in Maryland hospitals. I have worked most of professional career in Maryland either at the bedside or teaching new nurses, so I am excited to work closely with Marylanders in this new role," said Dr. Burgess.

### **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 mission of the Patient Safety Center is keeping Maryland healthcare safe 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 [www.marylandpatientsafetycenter.org](http://www.marylandpatientsafetycenter.org).

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