



Safe Table Series: Beyond the Report: Collaborative Safe Tables on Maryland Adverse Events

About the Series:

The *Beyond the Report* Safe Table series is a bi-monthly virtual convening hosted by the Maryland Patient Safety Center, bringing together hospitals and healthcare providers across the state to create a community of learning and collaboratively share solutions to adverse events identified in the annual **Maryland Department of Health Office of Healthcare Quality Patient Safety Program Report**.

What Are Safe Tables?

Safe Tables are **confidential, solution-focused discussions** conducted under the protections of the **Mid-Atlantic Patient Safety Organization (PSO)**. These sessions create a psychologically safe environment for peer learning, open dialogue, and real-world problem-solving. Participation requires the signing of a confidentiality agreement, ensuring that shared information is protected and used solely for the advancement of safety and quality improvement.

Session Details:

- **Frequency:** July 17th, October 9th, December 11th, February 12th, May 14th, June 11th
- **Time:** 1:00 – 3:00 PM
- **Format:** Virtual (Zoom)
- **Requirements:** Confidentiality agreement signed in advance. See participant expectations outlined below.

Purpose:

This Safe Table series will explore the **root causes of serious adverse events** highlighted in the state's annual healthcare quality report. We'll work together to identify **system-level solutions**, share **evidence-based tools**, and invite **key stakeholders and industry experts** to inform strategies and accelerate progress. Sessions may include:

- Review of case summaries and common failure points
- Discussion of system redesign opportunities
- Sharing of workflows, checklists, and policy templates
- Guest speakers with expertise relevant to the identified challenges

Participant Expectations**Confidentiality**

- Complete and submit the Safe Table confidentiality agreement ahead of the meeting.
 - You have a duty to maintain confidentiality forever.

Virtual Environment

- Access the Zoom meeting in a private environment. If possible, office doors should be closed, and earbuds should be used if accessing in a shared workspace.
- Active discussion is encouraged - **participants must be on camera.**
- Participants must be identifiable by name in Zoom and are subject to removal if their names are ambiguous (device name, phone number).

Patient Safety Work Product

- Participants should not share PHI or provider information and concentrate on system issues not individual blame.
- Everything produced is PSWP and is protected. You may only discuss cases for the purpose of improving patient safety and care quality at your organization.
- Unauthorized disclosure carries an \$11,000 penalty for each disclosure of patient safety work product.

Active Discussion and Sharing

Participants are expected to

- Actively participate in discussions, share organizational experiences, contributing factors, and root causes of events.
- Discuss lessons learned and highlight strategies that could have prevented these events
- Share solutions, policies, order sets aimed at prevention

Join us in transforming findings into **collective action and impact** to protect patients and support Maryland's healthcare workforce.