



REPORT TO: ASCLS House of Delegates
REPORT OF: Patient Safety Committee
PREPARED BY: Cathy Otto, Chair
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Activities:

Held 10 monthly conference calls: August, September, October, November 2015; January, February, March, April, May and June 2016.

Held 2 Orientation to the Committee conference calls for new committee members, September 8th and 9th, 2015.

Charge #1: 1. Continue to publicize and distribute current ASCLS developed Patient Safety products and publications. Coordinate with other ASCLS Committees such as Membership Committee, Product Development Committee and the Scientific Assembly, as appropriate.

Publicity documents have been developed and shared at each ASCLS meeting (e.g. ASCLS 2015, CLEC 2016, ASCLS 2016) and requests were made of state and regional meetings to do the same.

Charge #2: Design, develop, publish and distribute new patient safety products, as needed.

Committee sent a survey to the membership to evaluate their needs with respect to patient safety products.

Charge #3: Continue to develop and provide patient safety curriculum for faculty to incorporate into the MLS and MLT curricula, coordinating with NAACLS.

Three members of the committee, Stacy Walz, Karen Golemboski and Cathy Otto are in the second year of the two year study to examine a patient safety curriculum (Patient Safety Education Project) in MLS programs.

Three members of the committee, Stacy Walz, Karen Golemboski and Cathy Otto created a continuing education product for educators on Teaching Patient Safety to Medical Laboratory Students. It is provided through the MediaLab platform.

Charge #4: Support evidence-based research in patient safety and patient safety policies.

a. Identify patient safety research projects and potential collaborators and submit grant to funding agencies (or other funding sources).

b. Work with CDC Laboratory Medicine Best Practices to identify data sources for systematic review and evaluation methods used to conduct review of practice effectiveness.

No request for action or data has been requested from the CDC since the MOU was signed in Fall 2013.

Charge #5: Work with the Promotion of the Profession Committee to prepare clinical laboratory professionals to take responsibility for improving their consumer advocacy as it applies to patient safety issues.

The 2016 Calendar created by the PPC and PSC collaborative group in 2014-2015 was for sale via the ASCLS online store until October 15, 2015.

Committee developed short case study scenarios to use with each of the statements developed for the Patient Safety It is Up to Me Campaign.

Charge #6: Strengthen media response to patient safety issues and promote the value of the clinical laboratory profession.

The ASCLS Patient Safety Committee is collaborating with COLA and their [www.labtestingmatters](http://www.labtestingmatters.com) website. We are participated in a year-long series on Patient Safety to introduce laboratorians to the Institute of Medicine Quality Aims and the Patient Safety Competencies. The first monthly blog (article) was published in July 2015. The ASCLS Patient Safety Committee was asked to submit an article about the latest IOM report, *Improving Diagnosis in Health Care*. It was published on Tuesday September 29, 2015.

The ASCLS Patient Safety Committee will continue its collaboration in 2016-2017.

Charge #7: Continue to develop and revalidate existing patient safety tools and resources available through ASCLS and publicize their availability in ASCLS Today, mailing lists, the ASCLS website, and social media as appropriate. During the revalidation, identify articles to support included information, and include that information on the Patient Safety page of the ASCLS website.

The Committee plans to update the Patient Safety page of the ASCLS website, with documentation of evidence for the Patient Safety Tips Flyers, resources and continuing education.

Charge #8: Write at least two articles for ASCLS Today describing the importance of the activities of the Patient Safety Committee, including positive outcomes/accomplishments, and the patient safety materials developed.

The first article submitted for the November issue of ASCLS Today discussed the eight goals of the recently published IOM Report, *Improving Diagnosis in Health Care*.

The second article submitted for the June 2016 issue of ASCLS Today discussed the ASCLS Position Paper on Patient Safety that was adopted by the 2015 House of Delegates.

Charge #9: Identify the next steps in the process of incorporating patient safety competencies into clinical laboratory science practice identified by the ASCLS Patient Safety Position Paper.

Using the 5 IOM Competencies Required for Healthcare Practitioners to improve patient safety, the Patient Safety Committee developed a list of Entry Level Patient Safety Tasks.

These competencies were submitted to our representatives to the Board of Certification requesting that they be included in the upcoming practice analysis.

Cathy Otto and Karen Golemboski delivered the opening Keynote for CLEC 2016, "Why Patient Safety Competencies are Critical for Medical Laboratory Science". This is one of the first steps to convince the educators that teaching these competencies are important for our profession.

Charge #10: Work with the DCLS Committee on developing specific patient safety competencies to be incorporated into the DCLS Competencies document.

Karen Golemboski and Cathy Otto have been attending the DCLS Committee conference calls and sharing information from the Patient Safety Committee

Committee Members:

Cathy Otto, Chair	Susan Morris	Lezlee Koch	Stacy Walz
Karen Golemboski, Vice-chair	Lisa Bakken	Pam Meadows	Jennifer Dawson
Heather Chapman	Tera Webb	Amanda Horn	Jason Frazier
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