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HHS Convening to Advance Patient Safety

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Safety issues are not equally distributed



Misdiagnosis, overdiagnosis, and poor treatment and management contribute to unsafe practices and quality inequities

Number and percentage of quality measures for which selected racial or ethnic groups experienced worse, same, or better quality of care compared with White

Racial or Ethnic Group	Worse	Same	Better
Black (n=190)	85 (45%)	86 (45%)	19 (10%)
AI/AN (n=110)	47 (43%)	50 (45%)	13 (12%)
Hispanic (n=190)	73 (38%)	84 (44%)	33 (17%)
NH/PI (n=73)	27 (37%)	33 (45%)	13 (18%)
Asian (n=172)	48 (28%)	76 (44%)	48 (28%)

Note: AI/AN = American Indian or Alaska Native; NH/PI = Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.

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Healthcare is not safe, until it is safe for all

AHRQ Assists Healthcare Systems Deliver Safe & Effective Care



Safety Culture Drives Patient and Staff Experience leading to Better Outcomes

Patient and Family
Engagement tools

Hazard
Identification and
Mitigation tools



Actionable Knowledge &
Data for Improving Care
Delivery

For Discussion:

- What are the most pressing evidence and other needs of larger and smaller systems to improve patient and workforce safety?
- What kinds of patient safety improvement measures are needed for internal operational efforts in different care settings?
- What data, tools, and advice are needed for a shift to a learning health systems approach in advancing patient safety?