Overview of AHRQ's Patient Safety Priorities

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AHRQ's Core Competencies

- **Research:** Invest in research and evidence to make health care safer and improve quality.

- **Practice Improvement:** Create tools for health care professionals to improve care for their patients.

- **Data & Analytics:** Generate measures and data to track and improve performance, and evaluate progress of the US health care system.
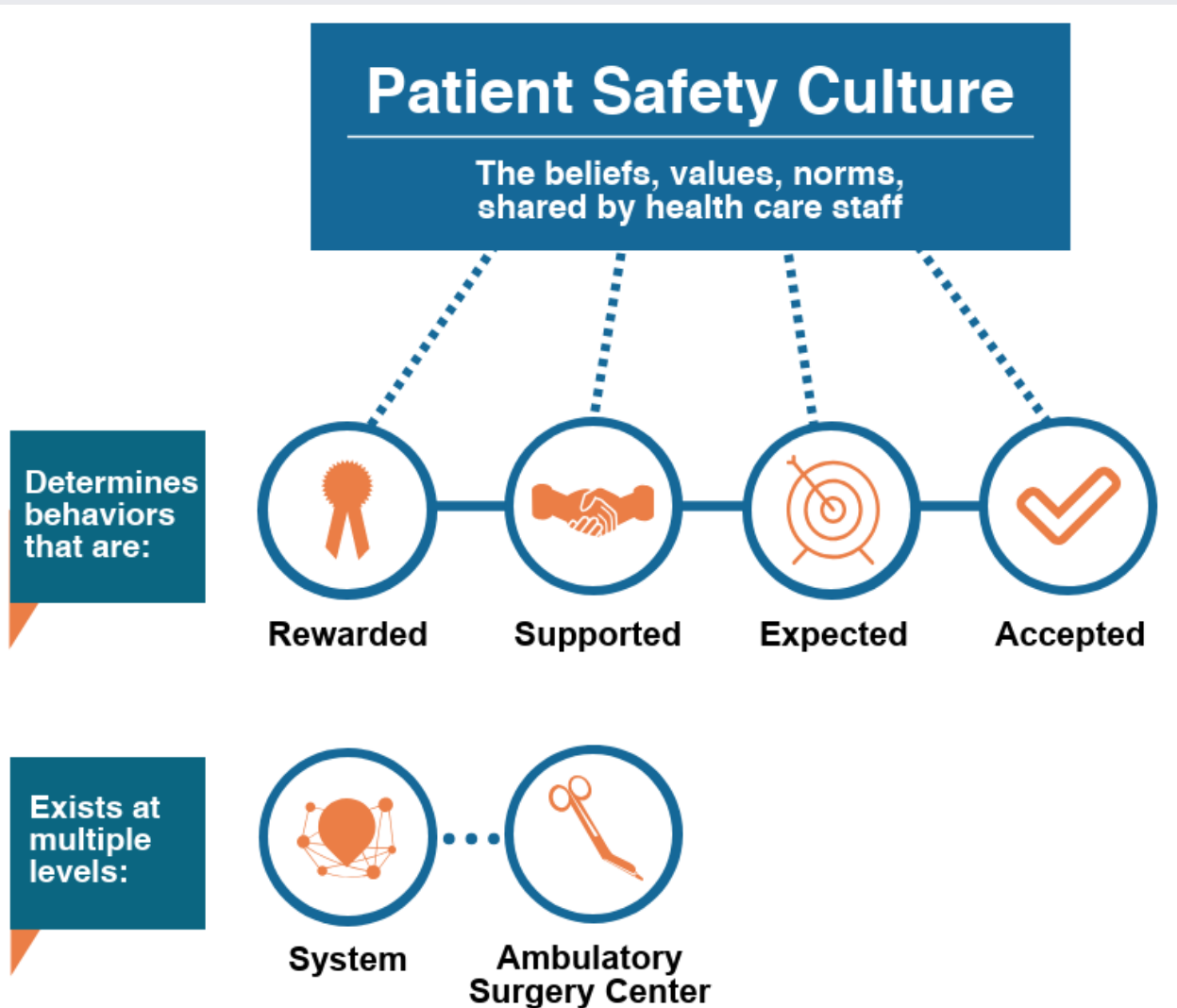
AHRQ Patient Safety Priorities

- Focus on areas of greatest impact
- Extend patient safety improvement to all settings
- Prevent HAIs, reduce antibiotic resistance
- Build capacity in the health care system to accelerate safety improvements
- Improve communication and engagement between clinicians and patients
- Make the safe thing the easy thing to do

National Steering Committee on Patient Safety

- Convened by the Institute of Healthcare Improvement (IHI)

- Will serve as a central body to galvanize stakeholders and act as a focal point to prioritize patient safety efforts

- Main goal is to create a national action plan for patient safety

  ► Will begin by focusing on foundational issues such as leadership and culture

- AHRQ's SOPS Program aligns with these efforts

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AHRQ Surveys on Patient Safety Culture™

Surveys of staff about the extent to which the organizational culture supports patient safety

| Hospital (2004) | Nursing Home (2008) | Medical Office (2009) | Community Pharmacy (2012) | Ambulatory Surgery Center (2015) |

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