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## **Center Promotes Patient Safety Awareness Week March 11 -17th Forum Headlines Efforts To Improve Patient Safety Across the Continuum of Care**

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** —The Center for Patient Safety (CPS) acknowledges the continuous focus on safe care across the continuum of healthcare. To support year-round efforts of healthcare providers, professionals and consumers, CPS will set aside time to highlight important patient safety issues, spread awareness and provide resources, during Patient Safety Awareness Week (PSAW).

“From March 11 to 17, we are emphasizing that safety in the delivery of healthcare is the highest priority all the time,” said Alex Christgen, Executive Director of CPS. “Safe care is the most important aspect of care regardless of where that care takes place, from EMS, to hospitals, physician offices, ambulatory settings, pharmacies, home or long-term care settings.”

CPS has several key initiatives planned for Patient Safety Awareness Week and beyond:

**[Patient Safety Forum, March 14, 2018](#)**- CPS is highlighting PSAW by partnering with Medtronic to offer all caregivers a Forum in St. Louis MO focused on learning to identify and care for patients with respiratory compromise. The healthcare landscape is complicated as it evolves at an ever-quickening pace with new specialties, titles and tools. Coupled with the growing demands placed on clinicians and healthcare leaders, how do we ensure the safety of our patients? This forum is a collaborative opportunity to learn with other providers across the continuum of care how patient safety can be improved.

**[Patient Safety Awareness Week Tips and Toolkit](#)**- Healthcare professionals are encouraged to take advantage of the PSAW Tips page or download the PSAW2018 Toolkit, which is free to CPS Subscribers. The toolkit includes a downloadable poster, flyer, stickers, table tent, desktop wallpaper, and social media image. Also included is a Toolkit Guide to help you celebrate throughout the week and the rest of the year. Engage other providers in your community and across the care continuum, encouraging patients and family members to ask, “How do you provide safe care?”



About CPS: The Center for Patient Safety is a private, not-for-profit corporation dedicated to fostering change throughout the nation’s healthcare delivery systems and across the continuum of care. The Center’s vision is a healthcare environment safe for all patients and healthcare providers, in all processes, all the time. Find the Center on Facebook and Twitter @PtSafetyExpert and @PtSafetyEMS