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**ISMP Joins National Efforts to
Accelerate Progress in Patient Safety**

Horsham, Pa.— The Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) is taking part in two new cooperative efforts that are bringing leading healthcare organizations together to work on safeguarding patients and preventing harm—the National Steering Committee for Patient Safety and the National Patient Safety Collaborative.

The recently-formed National Steering Committee for Patient Safety is charged with creating a national action plan to guide patient safety efforts across the country in a cohesive, coordinated fashion. Activities include identifying action priorities, establishing coordinated strategies for addressing key areas (such as organizational culture and measurement), and identifying opportunities to collaboratively advance those strategies. The effort connects organizations from the healthcare, policy, regulatory, and advocacy communities, including ISMP. The Committee is being led by The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) and is co-chaired by IHI and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

The National Patient Safety Collaborative organized by the Joint Commission has been created to help prominent patient safety organizations join forces to collectively work on mutually identified safety concerns and increase the impact of their work. The Joint Commission hosted the inaugural meeting of the collaborative, whose other member organizations are the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation, ECRI Institute, ISMP, and IHI.

For more information on ISMP's advocacy efforts to influence, inform, and drive positive change in the healthcare community, visit: <https://www.ismp.org/support/advocacy>.

About ISMP: The Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) is an independent, nonprofit charitable organization that works closely with healthcare practitioners and institutions, regulatory agencies, consumers, and professional organizations to provide education about medication errors and their prevention. ISMP represents more than 30 years of experience in helping healthcare practitioners keep patients safe, and continues to lead efforts to improve the medication use process. For more information on ISMP, or its medication safety alert newsletters and other tools for healthcare professionals and consumers, visit www.ismp.org.

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