



# Assessing Patient Safety Culture to Improve Hospital Handoffs

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# Riverside Health System

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**5** primary markets/regions

**8,000** square miles

**9,500+** team members

**750+** providers

# Riverside Health

## Hospitals & Medical Offices



Acute Care  
Hospitals



Rehabilitation  
Hospital



Behavioral  
Health Center



Primary &  
Specialty Care  
Medical Offices



Urgent Care



Virtual Care

## Lifelong Health



Independent  
Living, Assisted  
Living &  
Memory Care



ChooseHome



Skilled Nursing  
& Rehabilitation



At Home -  
Home Health,  
In-Home Private  
Care, Palliative Care,  
Hospice Care



Memory Care,  
Caregiver  
Support,  
Research &  
Education



Physical  
Therapy



Wellness &  
Fitness Centers

## Outpatient Services



Surgery &  
Treatment  
Centers



Diagnostic  
Imaging  
Services



Outpatient  
Testing



Riverside College  
of Health Sciences

## Riverside College of Health Sciences

## Riverside Foundation



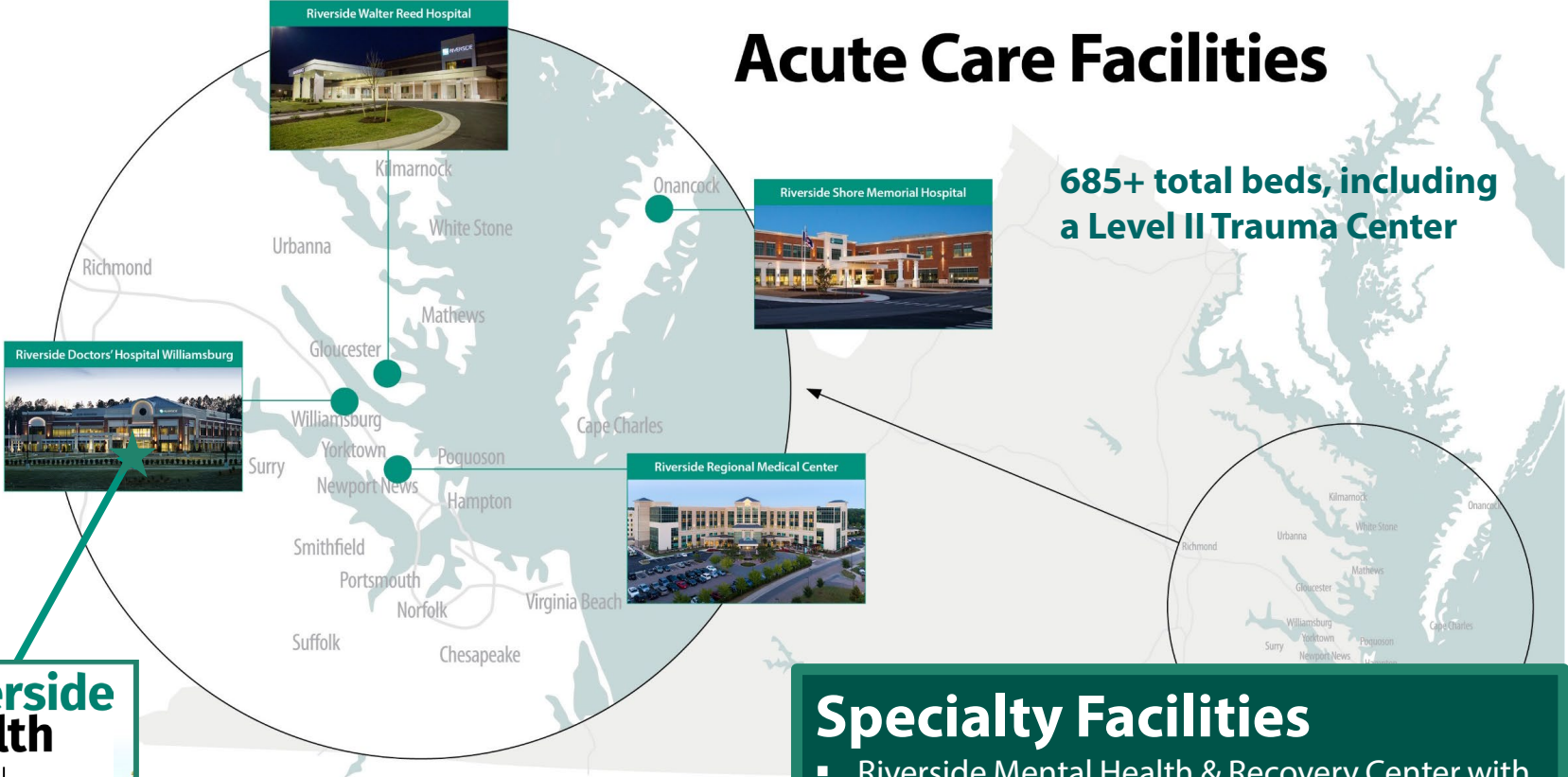
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# Riverside Health

## Acute Care Facilities

685+ total beds, including a Level II Trauma Center



 **Riverside Health**  
Smithfield Hospital  
  
Coming Early 2026

### Specialty Facilities

- Riverside Mental Health & Recovery Center with Psychiatric Emergency Department
- Long-term Acute Care (with Select Medical)
- Rehabilitation (with Select Medical)



# Riverside Walter Reed Hospital



Population (2020 estimate)	
Gloucester County	38,711
Mathews County	8,533
Middlesex County	10,625
Portions of King & Queen & Lancaster Counties	



**67 Licensed beds**

**Serves 5 counties**

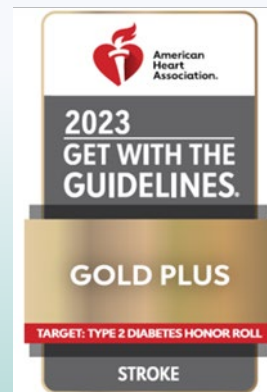
**Leapfrog Grade A recipient**

**CMS Hospital Rating – 4 Stars** 

**ANCC Pathway to Excellence designee**

**ACC Chest Pain Accredited**

**AHA 2023 Get with the Guidelines – Gold Plus**



# Commitment & Accountability

## Safety Commitment

Safety Goals and Outcomes shared regularly with Board of Directors

Safety Story shared at beginning of each meeting

Budget allows for safety training and initiatives

Accountability

### People

Inspire a culture that empowers our team members with the opportunity to thrive, grow and successfully carry out the Riverside Health mission of caring for others as we care for those we love.

- 1.1 Show our team members, our most valuable asset, how much we value them by becoming a national leader in team member engagement, as measured by the Riverside Health Voice Survey and compared to national benchmarks.
- 1.2 Be a national leader in diversity and inclusion by creating an inclusive workplace that empowers people from all walks of life to make unique contributions to our team, as measured by the Riverside Health Voice Survey and compared to national benchmarks.

### Quality, Safety & Service

Provide compassionate, personalized, evidence-based care and service to every patient, resident and customer. Create and sustain a culture of continuous learning and operational excellence, where the principles of a fair and just culture are applied and evident throughout Riverside Health.

### Quality – Stronger Together

- 2.1 Be recognized for excellence in care, treatment and services by continuing to provide compassionate, personalized, evidence-based care and service to every patient, resident and customer.
  - Our hospitals will achieve a Leapfrog rating of "A" for Spring 2024 and Fall 2024.
  - Lifelong Health Skilled Nursing Facilities and Home Health divisions will improve their CMS star ratings.
    - Skilled Nursing Facilities will achieve an average CMS star rating of 3.0.
    - Home Health will achieve an average CMS star rating of 3.5.
  - Riverside Medical Group Accountable Care Organization (ACO) quality metrics – 10 measures at or above goal.

### Safety – Safer Together

- 2.2a Promote and sustain a culture of continuous learning, improvement and operational excellence, fostering a fair and just environment throughout Riverside Health. Ensure every team member feels empowered and accountable for safety, as evidenced by the Safety Culture Survey results.
- 2.2b Continue implementation of evidence-based best practices supporting high reliability: daily safety huddles, use of visual mission boards, practicing safety behaviors, conducting weekly safety event reviews, monthly safety event learnings, defining and adhering to essential standard work and rounding for outcomes.

### Service – Better Together

- 2.3a Consistently provide compassionate, personalized, evidence-based care and service to every patient, resident and customer, earning the loyalty of our patients, residents and customers by achieving top quartile performance in experience survey ratings.
- 2.3b Address health disparities by ensuring equitable access to services. Riverside policies and procedures provide everyone with the opportunity to achieve optimal health. We offer compassionate, personalized care that is co-designed and delivered in collaboration with patients, residents and their loved ones.

### Innovation & Operational Excellence

Empower our teams to think creatively, embrace change and continuously improve processes. We will transform health care by setting new standards of excellence. Through this commitment, we will lead the way in delivering exceptional results; exceed expectations; and drive intentional, sustainable growth, efficiency and value for Riverside Health and our stakeholders.

- 3.1 Ensure that Riverside Health is well-positioned for financial sustainability through deliberate growth strategies as outlined in the Riverside Health Strategic Plan.
- 3.2 Drive high-performance, clinical transformation and integration across our hospitals.
- 3.3 Use a data-driven strategy to grow the right volumes for Acute Care, Lifelong Health and Riverside Medical Group.

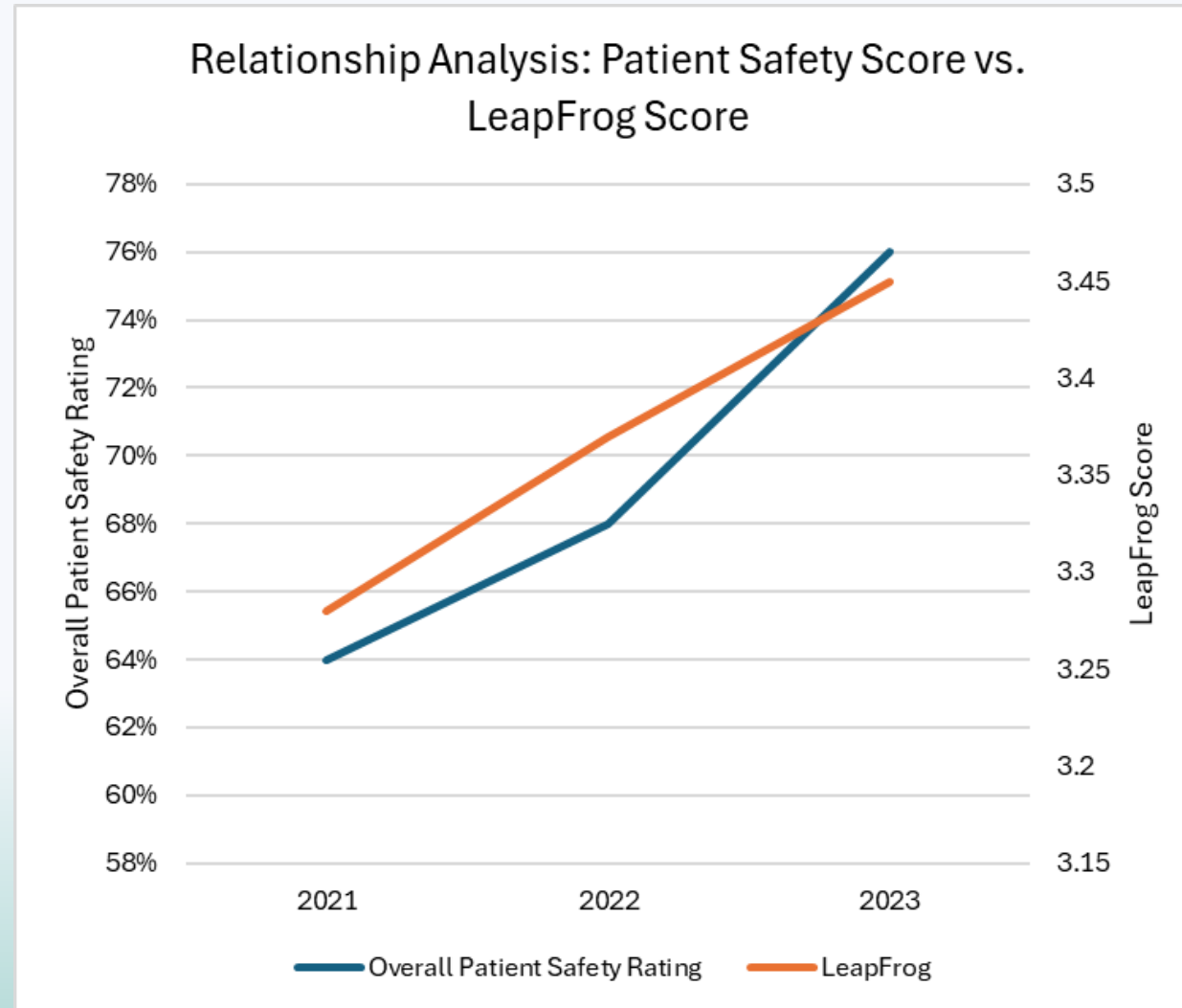
### Finance

Continue serving and investing in our community's health for generations by responsibly managing our resources and maintaining financial sustainability for long-term success. This commitment honors our community's trust and their need for access to high-quality health care that enhances their lives.

- 4.1 Cultivate an environment of accountability to surpass the approved 2024 operating income budget, demonstrating our commitment as responsible stewards of the trust vested in us.
- 4.2 Maintain our "A-" Standard & Poor's (S&P) financial rating according to the Riverside Health Strategic Plan.
- 4.3 Deliver \$5.8M in philanthropic support through Riverside Health Foundation gifts that fuel our mission, support instrumental programs and make health and happiness possible for those in our care.



# Culture: LeapFrog & Patient Safety



# Riverside- SOPS Survey Administration

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- Annually (Fall)
- Open approximately 4 weeks
- Acute, LLH and Medical Practices



# Boosting & Obtaining Participation

## System Level

- Messaging from RHS System Executive Leadership
  - E-mail, weekly RHS newsletter
- Maximize use of intranet-Partner w/marketing

**The Patient Safety Culture Survey is coming soon and we need your help!**

The survey will be open Oct. 16 - Nov. 13. It will take about 10 minutes to complete and your results will be kept confidential.

**WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK**

**What is Patient Safety Culture?**  
Patient safety culture refers to the beliefs, values, and norms shared by providers and team members throughout Riverside that influence their actions and behaviors as it relates to patient safety.

**How is the Survey Used?**  
We use these survey assessment tools to:

- Raise staff awareness about patient safety.
- Assess the current status of our patient safety culture.
- Identify our patient safety culture strengths and determine areas of opportunity for improvement.
- Examine trends in patient safety culture changes over time.
- Evaluate the cultural impact of patient safety initiatives and interventions.

The Patient Safety Culture Survey is completely anonymous. Results are summarized and provided to leadership to support efforts to assess and improve our patient safety culture.

**RIVERSIDE**

Search Patient Safety Culture on the intranet for more information

**Take the Riverside Safety Survey**  
— Safer Together —

All Riverside team members and providers are invited to participate in a confidential safety culture survey that is open Oct. 16 – Nov. 13. Your completion of the survey and your feedback helps to support our Health System's commitment to zero harm which is keeping our patients and residents safe.

**Learn more**

The survey will open on October 16. Please select the icon for your applicable work area.

- Hospital / Acute Care**  
Select Hospital / Acute Care survey if you primarily work or are associated with a hospital, outpatient diagnostic center, ambulatory surgery center, or system-wide support role such as the iCare Team, Supply Chain or anyone in the corporate office.
- RMG / Medical Office Building**  
Select RMG / Medical Office survey if you primarily work or are associated with an outpatient medical office such as Brentwood Family Practice, ENT, or Neurology Specialists.
- Lifelong Health**  
Select Lifelong Health survey if you primarily work or are associated with a lifelong health facility, home health, hospice, or wellness center.

If you work in a system-wide support role or a role that does not apply to the above examples, please select the hospital survey. The hospital survey is the most general and broad of the three options.



Survey on Patient Safety Culture

Our mission is to care for others as we would care for those we love

Safety culture survey only takes 10 minutes

Dear Riverside Team Members:

Everyone is invited to take Riverside's Survey on Patient Safety Culture. The survey will open on Monday, October 16 and the results help us identify areas where we can improve our safety culture and support our commitment to zero harm for every patient and resident in our care. If you've already taken the survey, thank you! If not, please complete it as soon as possible. The survey is confidential and anonymous. The whole process only takes 10 minutes.

This survey is all about you, and what you experience every day in our hospitals, medical offices, nursing homes and other settings. It gives you a voice. By participating, you will help us continually improve and strengthen our culture of zero harm. Our commitment is to sustain and support an environment of continuous learning and improvement, where the principles of a fair and just culture are applied and evident throughout Riverside, where all team members feel empowered and responsible to take action for safety.

We encourage all providers and team members to participate.

Select the survey type that matches where you work most of the time



Hospital / Acute Care



RMG / Medical Office Building



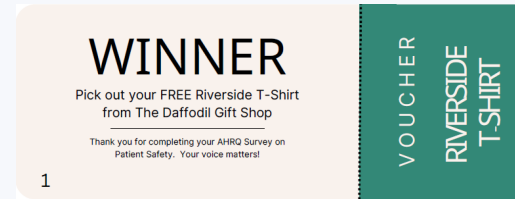
Lifelong Health

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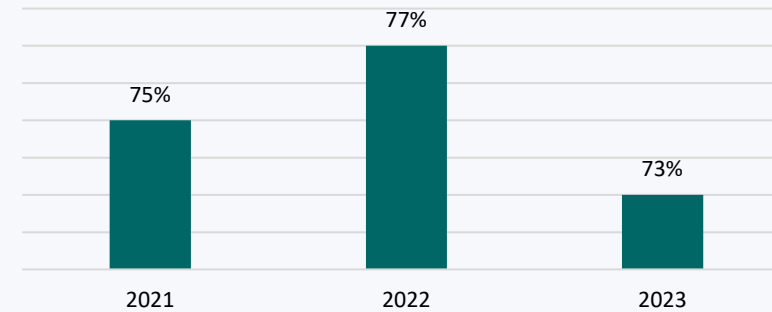
ber 13. Please direct any questions to your facility or division quality and re about our patient safety culture survey and we appreciate your support

# RWRH-Boosting & Obtaining Participation

- Facility Level Specific Messaging
  - Start 3 weeks before survey opens
  - Weekly thereafter (Participation rate updates, raffle winners, why the survey is important to them)
- QR Codes
- Raffles- Weekly
- Rounding w/ FUN Engagement



RWRH Participation



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Survey Starts October 16

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The Patient Safety Culture Survey is completely anonymous! Lookout for survey info & links coming to your Riverside e-mail soon!

2023 AHRQ SOPS Response Rates – Final			
Survey	Head Count	Responses	Response Rate
Hospital	5,730	2,744	48%
RRMC	2,706	1,572	58%
RDHW	387	231	60%
RWRH	425	310	73%
RSMH	364	267	73%
RMHRC	393	142	36%
ASC	101	41	41%
RDC	68	28	41%
RHWS	1,286	153	12%
Medical Office	2,308	1,060	46%
Nursing Home	1,608	743	46%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,646</b>	<b>4,547</b>	<b>47%</b>

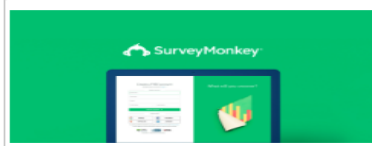
# RWRH-Boosting & Obtaining

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 9:59 AM  
**To:** ALL E-MAIL USERS - RWRH <ALLEMAILUSERSRWRH@rivhs.com>  
**Subject:** Patient Safety Survey- RWRH Hospital Specific

Good Morning RWRH!

If you've already taken the survey, thank you! If not, please complete it as soon as possible. The survey is confidential and anonymous. By participating, you will help us continually improve and strengthen our culture of zero harm. Our commitment is to sustain and support an environment of continuous learning and improvement, where the principles of a fair and just culture are applied and evident throughout Riverside.

Link & QR code below.



2023 AHRQ Surveys on Patient Safety Culture (SC)  
Hospital Survey

Take this survey powered by [surveymonkey.com](https://www.surveymonkey.com). Create your own survey free.

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## AHRQ PATIENT SAFETY SURVEY

October 16th to November 13th

Open to all team members!



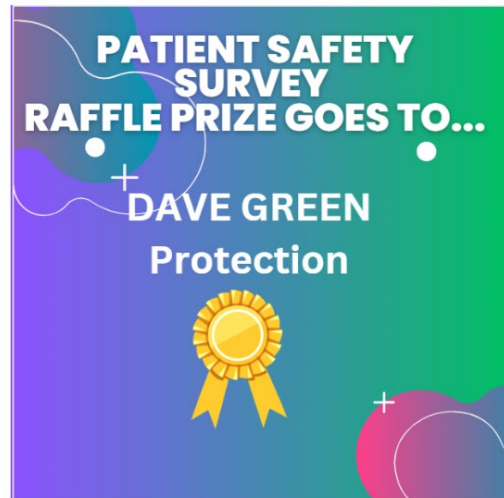
We Want Your  
Feedback!

This Weeks RWRH Safety Survey Prize WINNER IS....



Hansford, Ashley

To: ALL E-MAIL USERS - RWRH



Taking the survey is as easy as

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SCAN QR CODE

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SUBMIT  
RESPONSES

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GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKET FOR  
A COMPLETED SURVEY FROM  
ADMINISTRATION!

Submit a Safety Story or Great Catch to  
[ashley.hansford@rivhs.com](mailto:ashley.hansford@rivhs.com) for an extra raffle ticket!

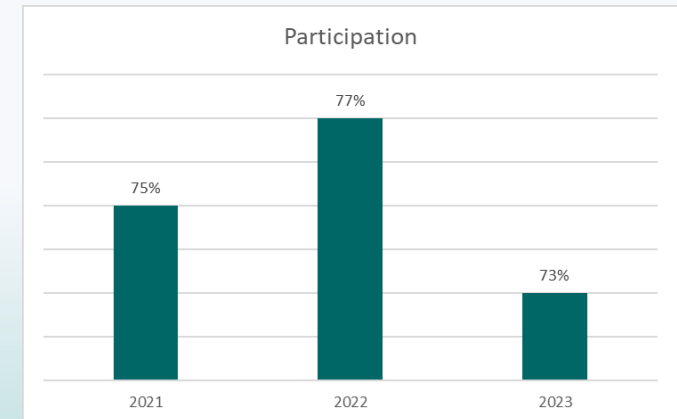
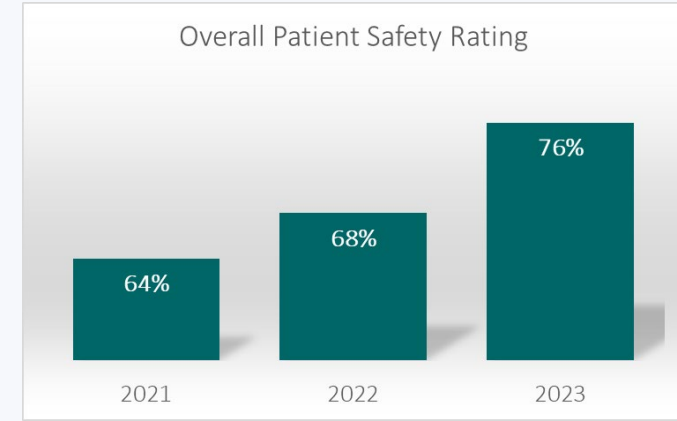
Need a raffle ticket after hours?  
E-mail your name, phone number and  
dept. to [ashley.hansford@rivhs.com](mailto:ashley.hansford@rivhs.com)

Questions?  
804-791-3302

# RWRH- Monitoring/Measuring YOY

## Facility Specific Excel Spreadsheet (Overall & By Dept.)

	2021	2022	2023	% Change	2023 BnchMrk	Above or Below BnchMrk
<b>Composites</b>						
Reporting Patient Safety Events	72%	78%	81%	4%	74%	7%
Manager/Leader Support for Safety	77%	85%	84%	-1%	80%	4%
Team Work	77%	82%	85%	4%	82%	3%
Communication Openness	74%	82%	80%	-2%	76%	4%
Communication About Error	70%	79%	83%	5%	73%	10%
Organizational Learning/Continuous Improvement	66%	73%	78%	7%	70%	8%
Hospital/Mgmt Support for Safety	69%	68%	75%	10%	64%	11%
Response to Error	56%	69%	69%	0%	63%	6%
Hand-offs & Information Exchange	61%	62%	63%	2%	63%	0%
Staffing & Workplace	43%	55%	61%	11%	51%	10%
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>% Change</b>		
Overall Patient Safety Rating	64%	68%	76%	12%		
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>			
Participation	75%	77%	73%	-4%		



# RWRH- Monitoring/Measuring YOY

## Facility Specific Excel Spreadsheet (By Dept.)

Med/Surg	2021	2022	2023							
# of Participants	41	45	45							
	2021	2022	YOY	Above or Below	2023	YOY	Above or Below			
	2021	2022	2022	2022	2023	2023	2023	YOY	Above or Below	
	2021	2022	2022	2022	2023	2023	2023	YOY	Above or Below	
	2021	2022	YOY	Above or Below	2023	YOY	Above or Below			
	2021	2022	2022	2022	2023	2023	2023	YOY	Above or Below	
<b>Supervisor, Manager, or Clinical Leader Support for Patient Safety (Composite)</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>11%</b>	
My supervisor, manager, or clinical leader seriously considers staff suggestions for improving patient safety.	58%	77%	73%	26%	-4%	77%	90%	23%	13%	
My supervisor, manager, or clinical leader takes action to address patient safety concerns that are brought to their attention.	58%	82%	78%	34%	-4%	82%	87%	12%	5%	
My supervisor, manager or clinical leader wants us to work faster during busy times, even if it means taking short cuts.	53%	75%	68%	28%	-7%	75%	89%	31%	14%	
<b>Teamwork (Composite)</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>14%</b>	
In this unit we work together as an effective team	71%	88%	77%	8%	-11%	88%	100%	30%	12%	
During busy times, staff in this unit help each other.	66%	85%	73%	11%	-12%	85%	92%	26%	7%	
There is a problem with disrespectful behavior by those working in this unit	47%	69%	62%	32%	-7%	69%	90%	45%	21%	
<b>Communication Openness (Composite)</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>9%</b>	
In this unit, staff speak up if they see something that may negatively affect patient care.	71%	80%	76%	7%	-4%	80%	86%	13%	6%	
When staff in this unit see someone with more authority doing something unsafe for patients, they speak up.	54%	70%	63%	28%	-1%	70%	84%	22%	14%	
When staff in this unit speak up, those with more authority are open to their safety concerns.	57%	72%	73%	28%	1%	72%	80%	10%	8%	
In this unit, staff are afraid to ask questions when something does not seem right.	56%	69%	59%	5%	-10%	69%	78%	32%	9%	
<b>Reporting Patient Safety Events</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>17%</b>	
When a mistake is caught and corrected before reaching the patient, how often is this reported?	50%	65%	79%	58%	14%	65%	87%	10%	22%	
When a mistake reaches the patient and could have harmed the patient but did not, how often is this reported?	73%	81%	84%	15%	3%	81%	93%	11%	12%	

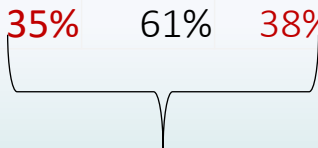
Path/Lab	2021	2022	2023							
# of Participants	15	9	19							
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My supervisor, manager, or clinical leader seriously considers staff suggestions for improving patient safety.	70%	76%	100%	43%	24%	76%	88%	-12%	12%	
My supervisor, manager, or clinical leader takes action to address patient safety concerns that are brought to their attention.	91%	82%	89%	-2%	7%	82%	94%	6%	12%	
My supervisor, manager or clinical leader wants us to work faster during busy times, even if it means taking short cuts.	73%	79%	100%	37%	21%	79%	81%	-19%	2%	
<b>Teamwork (Composite)</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>161%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>13%</b>	
In this unit we work together as an effective team	21%	83%	89%	324%	6%	83%	94%	6%	11%	
During busy times, staff in this unit help each other.	43%	82%	67%	56%	-15%	82%	94%	40%	12%	
There is a problem with disrespectful behavior by those working in this unit	29%	67%	89%	207%	22%	67%	81%	-9%	14%	
<b>Communication Openness (Composite)</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>16%</b>	
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When staff in this unit see someone with more authority doing something unsafe for patients, they speak up.	70%	71%	86%	23%	15%	71%	92%	7%	21%	
When staff in this unit speak up, those with more authority are open to their safety concerns.	70%	75%	89%	27%	14%	75%	92%	3%	17%	
In this unit, staff are afraid to ask questions when something does not seem right.	45%	71%	89%	98%	18%	71%	75%	-16%	4%	
<b>Reporting Patient Safety Events (Composite)</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>3%</b>	
When a mistake is caught and corrected before reaching the patient, how often is this reported?	63%	69%	75%	19%	6%	69%	63%	-16%	-6%	
When a mistake reaches the patient and could have harmed the patient but did not, how often is this reported?	88%	87%	100%	14%	13%	87%	100%	0%	13%	
<b>Organizational learning-Continuous Improvement (Composite)</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>312%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>9%</b>	
This unit regularly reviews work processes to determine if changes are needed to improve patient safety.	15%	70%	78%	420%	8%	70%	82%	5%	12%	
In this unit, changes to improve patient safety are evaluated to see how well they worked.	0%	60%	56%	0%	-4%	60%	71%	27%	11%	



# How Improvement Area for Handoff was Determined

## Department Specific Score Review-Med/Surg

	2021	2022 BnchMrk	2022	YOY Change	Above or Below BnchMrk	2023 BnchMrk	2023	YOY Change	Above or Below BnchMrk
<b>Handoffs and Information Exchange (Composite)</b>	<b>44%</b>	62%	47%	<b>7%</b>	<b>-15%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>-1%</b>
During shift changes, there is adequate time to exchange all key patient care information.	61%	71%	56%	-8%	-15%	71%	68%	21%	-3%
When transferring patients form one unit to another, important information is often left out.	38%	54%	48%	26%	-6%	54%	49%	2%	-5%
<b>During shift change, important patient care information is often left out.</b>	<b>35%</b>	61%	<b>38%</b>	9%	<b>-23%</b>	61%	<b>67%</b>	76%	6%



- Opportunity**
- SOPS Scores
  - Safety Event Reports
  - IPOC

# RWRH Use of SOPS Action Planning Tool

Facility name: Riverside Walter Reed Hospital

Date last updated: 2/1/2023

## Action Plan for the AHRQ Surveys on Patient Safety Culture

### 1. Identifying Areas To Improve

#### 1a. What areas do you want to focus on for improvement?

Handoff and Information Exchange, Specifically Med/Surg, Shift to shift

#### 1b. What are your "SMART" goals?

To improve SOPS "During shift change, important patient care information is often left out" from 38% in 2022 to 61% benchmark in 2023.

#### Notes or Comments



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Date last updated: 2/1/2023

## Action Plan for the AHRQ Surveys on Patient Safety Culture (continued)

### 2. Planning Your Improvement Initiative

#### 2a. What initiative will you implement?

A standardized hand off tool for RNs to use for shift to shift handoff on Med/Surg.  
Review what other facilities are using within health system and outside of health system. Adopt practice of standardized paper tool.

#### 2b. What resources will you need?

##### Types of staff and required time and estimated costs:

RN's, iCare Analyst, Nursing Leaders, Shared Governance Team

##### Supplies, materials, equipment, and other resources needed and estimated costs:

Supplies: Computer, Microsoft suite

#### 2c. What are possible barriers and how can you overcome them?

Barriers	Strategies for Overcoming Barriers
1. Front line team engagement & active participation	1. Involve RN shared governance team for front line engagement and driving change.
2. Leadership ability to drive sustainment-expectation of handoff	2. Consistent clear communication re: the why & progress, inclusion in decision making

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## Action Plan for the AHRQ Surveys on Patient Safety Culture (continued)

### 2. Planning Your Improvement Initiative (continued)

#### 2d. How will you measure progress and success?

**Process Measures** Preparedness for IPOC, Spot check auditing, Frontline Feedback, standing on unit meeting agenda

**Outcome Measures** Annual AHRQ Survey on Patient Safety- Hand off Questions:  
During Shift Changes, important patient care information is left out.

#### 2e. Will you pilot test the initiative?

##### PDSA Plan:

Med/Surg will implement small test of change for shift to shift hand offs utilizing the improved hand off tool developed by the shared governance team.

The team will seek feedback from front line, assess/enhance tool as needed and share that feedback to the shared governance committee.

##### Area within the facility where pilot test will be done:

Med/Surg unit-shift to shift

#### 2f. What is the timeline?

Task/Milestone	Start Date	End Date
Develop presentation to shared governance team	2/6/2023	2/7/2023
Meet with shared governance team, present and discuss	2/14/2023	2/14/2023
Tool Implementation on Med/Surg	5/10/23	5/10/2023
Monitoring/Auditing	5/11/2023	Ongoing

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### 3. Communicating Your Action Plan

#### 3a. How will you share your action plan?

**Whom action plan will be shared with:**

RWRH Nursing Leadership Team  
RWRH Case Review Team-Participants noted below under 3b.

**Communication methods:**

In-person at nursing leadership meeting, Safety Huddle, Shared Governance, Unit Meetings, Visual Mission Board, E-Mail, Private closed unit facebook page.

#### 3b. How will you provide progress updates on your action plan?

**Whom progress updates will be provided to:**

Weekly Case Review Team to include Shelly Johnson, President, Dr. Melvin Schursky, CMO, Dr. Ivan pierce, CNO, Lanell Williams, ACNO, Janet Norman, Quality Director and Kim Harper, System patient safety director. Updates also to Inpatient Service Line and front line staff unit mt

**How often progress updates will be provided:**

Status will be updated and shared weekly at case review. Monthly at unit meetings and quarterly at Inpatient Service Line.

#### Notes or Comments




# Handoff Body of Work

## Partnered with Shared Governance

- Nurse driven work & practice
- Threat vs. Opportunity Matrix- creating shared need
- Research of best practices, shared learning between other RHS & outside nursing units re: tools & practice
  - Took the best of all and developed a draft paper handoff
  - Shared Governance edited, enhanced and presented to their peers
- Test of change, trialing tool, enhancing and hardwiring to daily standard work

	Threat	Opportunity
Short Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inaccurate Handoff</li><li>• Incomplete Handoff</li><li>• Missed patient care</li><li>• Delayed patient care</li><li>• Multiple tools for handoff w/ varying information</li><li>• Patient Harm- SSE</li><li>• Inconsistent communication between each other and w/ patients/families</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Standardized Handoff Template</li><li>• Eliminate various versions of paper handoffs</li></ul>
Long Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Loss of trust from patients/families</li><li>• Decreased job satisfaction for team members</li><li>• Negative impact to patient experience</li><li>• Negative impact to key performance indicators</li><li>• Decrease in leapfrog Grade A</li><li>• Decrease in CMS Star Rating</li><li>• Patient Harm- SSE</li></ul>	

# RWRH Med/Surg Handoff Tool

Inpatient / Observation		Provider:		
<b>Room:</b> _____ <b>Hospital Day:</b> _____ <b>Admit Diagnosis:</b> _____  <b>Allergies:</b> _____  <b>BMAT score:</b> <b>1 2 3 4</b>	<b>Name:</b> _____ <b>Age:</b> _____ M / F <b>Code:</b> _____ <b>Isolation:</b> _____ <b>Diet:</b> _____ <b>Fluid Restriction:</b> _____ <b>Medication Admin:</b> whole / crushed w/ _____ <b>Neuro:</b> A/O x _____ <b>Mobility:</b> _____ <b>Neuro checks Q</b> ___ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NIHSS:</b> _____ <small>(reminder: flowsheet handoff @ COS)</small> <b>Fall Risk:</b> Y / N <b>PPI:</b> _____ <b>DVT prophylaxis:</b> SCDs / Lovenox / Heparin / _____	<b>IV Access:</b> R - L - 18 - 20 - 22 - FA - AC - H - UA R - L - 18 - 20 - 22 - FA - AC - H - UA U - EJ - R - L - _____ - 1 - 2 - 3 lumen <b>PICC:</b> R - L - single - double <b>Hemodialysis cath:</b> _____ <b>Fistula:</b> _____ <b>Chest Port:</b> _____  <b>I/Os &amp; Fluids:</b> <b>NS / LR /</b> _____ <b>Continuous / Bolus</b> <b>Rate:</b> _____	<b>Date &amp; Updates:</b> _____ <b>Date &amp; Updates:</b> _____ <b>Date &amp; Updates:</b> _____ <b>Date &amp; Updates:</b> _____ <b>Date &amp; Updates:</b> _____ <b>Date &amp; Updates:</b> _____ <b>Date &amp; Updates:</b> _____ <b>Date &amp; Updates:</b> _____ <b>Date &amp; Updates:</b> _____	
<b>Telemetry:</b> Y / N <b>Box #:</b> _____ <b>Rhythm:</b> _____	<b>PMH:</b> DM / CHF / HTN / CAD / PCI / HLD / PVD / GERD / COPD / Asthma / CKD s ___ / ESRD / Smoker / Drug abuse / ETOH / Psych _____ / CVA / Dementia / Hypothyroid / Sepsis / Seizures / Sleep apnea / Cancer _____ / Afib / CDiff	<b>Integumentary:</b>  <b>Limb alert (pink band):</b> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pericare</b> ___ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>CHG</b> ___		
<b>ACHS / Q6 / Q_</b> _____ _____	<b>Respiratory:</b> _____ Room Air <b>Acute / chronic</b> <b>Rate:</b> _____ <b>NC / OXY / NRB</b> <b>CPAP / BiPaP</b> Home O2 rate: _____ <b>Trach:</b> Y / N	<b>GI:</b> <b>BR / BSC / bedpan / FMS</b> <b>Ostomy:</b> _____ <b>Loose Stools:</b> 1 2 3 4 <b>Last BM:</b> _____		
<b>Peritoneal Dialysis:</b> <b>Fluid:</b> _____ <b>Q:</b> _____ <b>Drain time:</b> _____ <b>Dwell:</b> _____	<b>Cardiovascular:</b> <b>Pacemaker</b> Y / N <b>Edema:</b> _____ <b>Echo Y/N</b> <b>EF:</b> _____ <b>Dialysis:</b> _____ <b>Pulses:</b> _____	<b>GU: continent / incontinent</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Foley:</b> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Purwick</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Urinal</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ostomy:</b> _____		
<b>I/O's</b> <b>Intake:</b> _____ <b>Output:</b> _____ <b>24hr balance:</b> _____	<b>Date:</b> _____ <b>Test:</b> _____ <b>Result:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____ <b>Test:</b> _____ <b>Result:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____ <b>Test:</b> _____ <b>Result:</b> _____	<b>Relevant Labs:</b> _____ _____ _____ _____		
<b>Time Critical Med</b> Y/N <b>Home Meds:</b> Y / N <b>Wound Care:</b> Y / N	<b>Discharge Plan:</b> Home / HH / SNF / Transfer / _____ <b>Oxygen Home Eval:</b> _____ <b>Equipment:</b> _____ <b>Placement:</b> _____ <b>Transport:</b> _____ <b>Medication needs:</b> _____ <b>Procedure needs:</b> _____	<b>Hospice / Palliative Care / Respite</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hospice - Do not obtain lab work</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Butterfly Cart</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No vital signs</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PCA pump</b> <small>(reminder: dual sign off &amp; clear @</small>		
<b>Consults:</b> _____				

# Communication with Frontline

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## **Communication Channels**

- Unit Based Safety Huddles
- Shared Governance
- Monthly Unit Meetings
- Visual Mission Board
- E-Mail
- Closed Facebook group

## **Content of Communication**

- Transparency
- Tool in practice- What does integrating the tool into the daily work look like
- Expectations of use
- 2-way communication & feedback
- Continual highlights of handoff enhancements based on frontline feedback

# Quantitative Improvement in Handoff Scores

	2021	2022 BnchMrk	2022	YOY Change	Above or Below BnchMrk	2023 BnchMrk	2023	YOY Change	Above or Below BnchMrk
<b>Handoffs and Information Exchange (Composite)</b>	<b>44%</b>	62%	47%	<b>7%</b>	-15%	<b>62%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>30%</b>	-1%
During shift changes, there is adequate time to exchange all key patient care information.	61%	71%	56%	-8%	-15%	71%	68%	<b>21%</b>	-3%
When transferring patients from one unit to another, important information is often left out.	38%	54%	48%	26%	-6%	54%	49%	2%	-5%
During shift change, important patient care information is often left out.	<b>35%</b>	61%	<b>38%</b>	9%	-23%	61%	<b>67%</b>	<b>76%</b>	6%



# Anecdotally- Staff Perspective/Feedback

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- Consistent delivery and flow of information being handed off
- Organized information led to efficient handoffs (time)
- Eliminated duplicate efforts for IPOC (Consolidated 2 forms to 1)
- Improved standardization & preparedness for IPOC
- Providers communicated value added to IPOC content
- Team members shared gratitude that they could develop the tools that drive their work
- Increased empowerment and investment in the outcome

# Future State

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- Shift to shift handoff for CCU- In process
- An adapted tool for other disciplines on the medical/surgical unit-In-Progress
- Interdepartmental handoffs