



Florida Society for Healthcare
Risk Management & Patient Safety

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Leadership for a Safe, Trusted and
Accessible Healthcare System

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The Florida Society for Risk Management and Patient Safety is a state-wide professional development association comprised of risk management and patient safety professionals working in various settings across the healthcare delivery continuum who are dedicated to promoting leadership for a safe, trusted and accessible healthcare system. Our mission is to empower our members by delivering professional development programs, providing mentorship opportunities, disseminating best practice resources, providing advocacy in support of the culture of patient safety movement; and to support our members in their efforts to administer a comprehensive proactive risk management and patient safety program as required by Florida Law.



Healthcare Risk Management

The Florida Legislature through the enactment of public policy legislation established that the control and prevention of medical accidents and injuries is a significant public health and safety concern. Florida Law states that an essential method of controlling medical injuries is a comprehensive program of risk management. Florida Law explicitly recognizes the key to such a program is a competent and qualified Healthcare Risk Manager. Florida Law requires that most licensed facilities maintain an internal risk management program that includes the investigation and analysis of the frequency and causes of general categories and specific types of adverse incidents to patients and the development of appropriate measures to minimize the risk of adverse incidents to patients.



As defined in Florida Statute, our members are responsible for “establishing and managing (at the facility level) an internal risk management program that includes: the investigation and analysis of the frequency and causes of general categories and specific types of adverse incidents to patients, the development of appropriate measures to minimize the risk of adverse incidents to patients and other innovative approaches intended to reduce the frequency and severity of medical malpractice and patient injury claims.”

In 2024 the Florida Legislature passed SB 7018 (Health Care Innovation) establishing Section 381.4015, Florida Statutes, the Health Care Innovation Council which brings together leading experts from healthcare, technology, finance, and business to drive statewide innovation including developing strategies that improve quality, expand access, and reduce costs. Our members look forward to collaborating with this Council to disseminate innovative patient safety best practices and leadership for a safe, accessible and quality healthcare system.

Patient Safety

The Florida Patient Safety Statute (Florida Statute 395.1012) mandates that licensed healthcare facilities implement a patient safety plan and appoint a Patient Safety Officer to enhance patient safety and quality of care. Our members work on behalf of the facilities where they are employed to review and evaluate the quality of patient safety measures used by the facility and assist in the implementation of the facility patient safety plan. The Patient Safety Statute requires biennial Culture of Patient Safety Surveys and our members have developed internal action plans to implement the surveys and to use the responses to improve quality and safety at the facility level.

In 2024 the Florida Legislature passed SB 7016 (Health Care) requiring AHCA to develop an Annual Report on preventable emergency department visits, admissions, and readmissions from the previous fiscal year detailing the conditions contributing to these events and demonstrating trends over time. The most recent Annual Report was published by AHCA in October of 2025 and our society is working to analyze the published data in order to create best practices and continuing education to assist our members to reduce readmissions and improve quality outcomes at the facility level.



Expanding Risk Management at the Enterprise Level

FSHRMPS is considered the leading voice in Florida on issues related to Risk Management and Patient Safety. We are pleased to provide this annual report to summarize our efforts to promote leadership for a safe and trusted healthcare system. Our hope is that this report will highlight the response of our profession to recently adopted public policy and the benefits that accrue when healthcare facilities employ a competent healthcare risk manager and patient safety professional to administer a comprehensive program of risk management and patient safety. We call on all stakeholders to join us in our mission to expand healthcare risk management at the enterprise level across the healthcare delivery continuum to reduce preventable harm to our patients, families, employees, and practitioners, and improve patient safety outcomes.

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