



PULSE of NY, LI Patient Safety Advisory Council  
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### **Description:**

The Long Island Patient Safety Advisory Council (PSAC) is an independent group of community leaders representing disease-specific organizations, diverse socio-cultural groups and low literacy adults brought together to incorporate patient safety into their organizations and programs. The primary objective of this council is to learn, from the grassroots up, what community leaders feel is needed to address patient safety. Additionally, participants are expected to acquire the knowledge and tools that can then be passed on to the larger community being represented by PSAC members in order to fulfill the following goals:

- 1) Prepare patients to advocate for themselves and their family members,
- 2) Improve communication between the community and local health systems,
- 3) Increase patient safety through patient centered care in local healthcare settings.

### **Participation:**

Recruitment is through PULSE of NY. The person / people chosen to represent their organization to the PSAC will participate in a group meeting. This meeting will be an introduction to the work of the PSAC and may include local or nationally recognized professionals in patient safety and / or patient centered care. Members will learn about patient safety.

Following the initial meeting, a member of PULSE of NY will meet with members of the participating organization for additional training in patient safety and then discuss what they have learned and how patient safety affects them, and how patient safety and patient centered care can be improved by addressing these needs specific to this group.

Information taken from these focus groups will address the needs of the community as it relates to partnering for patient safety. Patient centered care will become the basis for each groups focus within the PSAC.

PULSE of NY will prepare a report with each group on what is needed within the community to empower patients and help the community partner with medical teams for safe, quality care. Tools will be developed to help the community and medical team to address these needs.

Each organization receives a stipend at the end of the project.

This council has been developed by PULSE of NY with support from **The Long Island Community Foundation, North Shore LIJ Health System, Cautious Patient Foundation** and the **Nassau Suffolk Hospital Council**. The PSAC receives ongoing support from **North Shore LIJ Health System**.

To learn more about the Long Island Patient Safety Advisory Council, call (516) 579-4711 or visit <http://www.pulseofny.org/psacHome.html>.