Hospital Survey on Patient Safety (HSOPS)

**SOPS® Hospital Survey**

**Version: 2.0  
Language: English**

For more information on getting started, selecting a sample, determining data collection methods, establishing data collection procedures, conducting a web-based survey, and preparing and analyzing data, and producing reports, please read the [**Hospital** **Survey Version 2.0 User’s Guide**](https://www.ahrq.gov/sites/default/files/wysiwyg/sops/surveys/hospital/hospitalsurvey2-users-guide.pdf)**.**

For the survey items grouped according to the safety culture composite measures they are intended to assess, please refer to the [**Hospital Survey Version 2.0 Items and Composite Measures**](https://www.ahrq.gov/sites/default/files/wysiwyg/sops/surveys/hospital/hospitalsurvey2-items.pdf) document.

* To participate in the AHRQ Hospital Survey on Patient Safety Culture Database, you must have administered the survey in its entirety without modifications or deletions:
  + No changes to any of the survey item text and response options.
  + No reordering of survey items.
  + Questions added only at the end of the survey after Section F, before the Background Questions section.

For assistance with this survey, please contact the SOPS Help Line at 1-888-324-9749 or [SafetyCultureSurveys@westat.com](mailto:SafetyCultureSurveys@westat.com).

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**This survey asks for your opinions about patient safety issues, medical error, and event reporting in your hospital and will take about 10-15 minutes to complete. If a question does not apply to you or your hospital or you don’t know the answer, please select “Does Not Apply or Don’t Know.”**

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| **Hospital Survey on Patient Safety (Version 2.0)** |
| **Instructions** | |

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| * ***“Patient safety”*** *is defined as the avoidance and prevention of patient injuries or adverse events resulting from the processes of healthcare delivery.* * ***A “patient safety event”*** *is defined as any type of healthcare-related error, mistake, or incident, regardless of whether or not it results in patient harm.* |

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| **Your Staff Position** |

1. **What is your position in this hospital?**

**Select ONE answer.**

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| **Nursing**  ¨1 Advanced Practice Nurse (NP, CRNA, CNS, CNM)  ¨2 Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN), Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)  ¨3 Patient Care Aide, Hospital Aide, Nursing Assistant  ¨4 Registered Nurse (RN)  **Medical**  ¨5 Physician Assistant  ¨6 Resident, Intern  ¨7 Physician, Attending, Hospitalist  **Other Clinical Position**  ¨8 Dietitian  ¨9 Pharmacist, Pharmacy Technician  ¨10 Physical, Occupational, or Speech Therapist  ¨11 Psychologist  ¨12 Respiratory Therapist  ¨13 Social Worker  ¨14 Technologist, Technician (e.g., EKG, Lab, Radiology) | **Supervisor, Manager, Clinical Leader, Senior Leader**  ¨15 Supervisor, Manager, Department Manager, Clinical Leader, Administrator, Director  ¨16 Senior Leader, Executive, C-Suite  **Support**  ¨17 Facilities  ¨18 Food Services  ¨19 Housekeeping, Environmental Services  ¨20 Information Technology, Health Information Services, Clinical Informatics  ¨21 Security  ¨22 Transporter  ¨23 Unit Clerk, Secretary, Receptionist, Office Staff  **Other**  ¨24 Other, please specify: |
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| **Your Unit/Work Area** |

**2. Think of your “unit” as the work area, department, or clinical area of the hospital where you spend *most* of your work time. What is your primary unit or work area in this hospital?**

**Select ONE answer.**

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| **Multiple Units, No specific unit**  ¨1 Many different hospital units, No specific unit  **Medical/Surgical Units**  ¨2 Combined Medical/Surgical Unit  ¨3 Medical Unit (Non-Surgical)  ¨4 Surgical Unit  **Patient Care Units**  ¨5 Cardiology  ¨6 Emergency Department, Observation, Short Stay  ¨7 Gastroenterology  ¨8 ICU (all adult types)  ¨9 Labor & Delivery, Obstetrics & Gynecology  ¨10 Oncology, Hematology  ¨11 Pediatrics (including NICU, PICU)  ¨12 Psychiatry, Behavioral Health  ¨13 Pulmonology  ¨14 Rehabilitation, Physical Medicine  ¨15 Telemetry | **Surgical Services**  ¨16 Anesthesiology  ¨17 Endoscopy, Colonoscopy  ¨18 Pre Op, Operating Room/Suite, PACU/Post Op, Peri Op  **Clinical Services**  ¨19 Pathology, Lab  ¨20 Pharmacy  ¨21 Radiology, Imaging  ¨22 Respiratory Therapy  ¨23 Social Services, Case Management, Discharge Planning  **Administration/Management**  ¨24 Administration, Management  ¨25 Financial Services, Billing  ¨26 Human Resources, Training  ¨27 Information Technology, Health Information Management, Clinical Informatics  ¨28 Quality, Risk Management, Patient Safety | **Support Services**  ¨29 Admitting/Registration  ¨30 Food Services, Dietary  ¨31 Housekeeping, Environmental Services, Facilities  ¨32 Security Services  ¨33 Transport  **Other**  ¨34 Other, please specify: |

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| **SECTION A: Your Unit/Work Area** |

**How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your unit/work area?**

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| **Think about your unit/work area:** | **Strongly Disagree** □ | **Disagree** □ | **Neither**  **Agree nor Disagree □** | **Agree** □ | **Strongly Agree** □ | **Does Not Apply or Don’t Know**  □ |
| 1. In this unit, we work together as an effective team | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. In this unit, we have enough staff to handle the workload | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. Staff in this unit work longer hours than is best for patient care | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. This unit regularly reviews work processes to determine if changes are needed to improve patient safety | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. This unit relies too much on temporary, float, or PRN staff | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. In this unit, staff feel like their mistakes are held against them | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. When an event is reported in this unit, it feels like the person is being written up, not the problem | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. During busy times, staff in this unit help each other | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. There is a problem with disrespectful behavior by those working in this unit | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. When staff make errors, this unit focuses on learning rather than blaming individuals | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. The work pace in this unit is so rushed that it negatively affects patient safety | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. In this unit, changes to improve patient safety are evaluated to see how well they worked | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. In this unit, there is a lack of support for staff involved in patient safety errors | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. This unit lets the same patient safety problems keep happening | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |

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| **SECTION B: Your Supervisor, Manager, or Clinical Leader** |

**How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your immediate supervisor, manager, or clinical leader?**

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|  | **Strongly Disagree** □ | **Disagree** □ | **Neither**  **Agree nor Disagree □** | **Agree** □ | **Strongly Agree** □ | **Does Not Apply or Don’t Know**  □ |
| 1. My supervisor, manager, or clinical leader seriously considers staff suggestions for improving patient safety | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. My supervisor, manager, or clinical leader wants us to work faster during busy times, even if it means taking shortcuts | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. My supervisor, manager, or clinical leader takes action to address patient safety concerns that are brought to their attention | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |

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| **SECTION C: Communication** |

**How often do the following things happen in your unit/work area?**

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| **Think about your unit/work area:** | **Never** □ | **Rarely** □ | **Some-times  □** | **Most of the time** □ | **Always** □ | **Does Not Apply or Don’t Know**  □ |
| 1. We are informed about errors that happen in this unit | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. When errors happen in this unit, we discuss ways to prevent them from happening again | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. In this unit, we are informed about changes that are made based on event reports | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. In this unit, staff speak up if they see something that may negatively affect patient care | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. When staff in this unit see someone with more authority doing something unsafe for patients, they speak up | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. When staff in this unit speak up, those with more authority are open to their patient safety concerns | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. In this unit, staff are afraid to ask questions when something does not seem right | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |

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| **SECTION D: Reporting Patient Safety Events** |
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1. In the past 12 months, how many patient safety events have you reported?

¨a. None

¨b. 1 to 2

¨c. 3 to 5

¨d. 6 to 10

¨e. 11 or more

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| **SECTION E: Patient Safety Rating** |

1. **How would you rate your unit/work area on patient safety?**

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| Poor  **▼** | Fair  **▼** | Good  **▼** | Very Good  **▼** | Excellent  **▼** |
| ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 |

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| **SECTION F: Your Hospital** |

**How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your hospital?**

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| **Think aboutyour hospital:** | **Strongly Disagree** □ | **Disagree** □ | **Neither**  **Agree nor Disagree □** | **Agree** □ | **Strongly Agree** □ | **Does Not Apply or Don’t Know**  □ |
| 1. The actions of hospital management show that patient safety is a top priority | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. Hospital management provides adequate resources to improve patient safety | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. Hospital management seems interested in patient safety only after an adverse event happens | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. When transferring patients from one unit to another, important information is often left out | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. During shift changes, important patient care information is often left out | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |
| 1. During shift changes, there is adequate time to exchange all key patient care information | ¨1 | ¨2 | ¨3 | ¨4 | ¨5 | ¨9 |

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| **Background Questions** |

**1. How long have you worked in this hospital?**

¨a. Less than 1 year

¨b. 1 to 5 years

¨c. 6 to 10 years

¨d. 11 or more years

**2. In this hospital, how long have you worked in your current unit/work area?**

¨a. Less than 1 year

¨b. 1 to 5 years

¨c. 6 to 10 years

¨d. 11 or more years

**3. Typically, how many hours per week do you work in this hospital?**

¨a. Less than 30 hours per week

¨b. 30 to 40 hours per week

¨c. More than 40 hours per week

**4. In your staff position, do you typically have direct interaction or contact with patients?**

¨a. YES, I typically have direct interaction or contact with patients

¨b. NO, I typically do NOT have direct interaction or contact with patients

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| **Your Comments** |

**Please feel free to provide any comments about how things are done or could be done in your hospital that might affect patient safety.**

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**Thank you for completing this survey.**

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