



## Patient Safety Through the Eyes of the Patient

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#### Objectives

- Culture of safety
- Importance of reporting
- Jeff's story
- Vital behaviors
- Summary





Organization's structures and control systems

# "The way we do things around here"

Values Beliefs
Behavioural Norms

"Shared values (what is important) and beliefs (how things work) that interact with an organization's structures and control systems to produce behavioural norms

B Uttal "The corporate culture vultures" Fortune 1983

### Improving Patient Safety: Culture of Safety

#### "Just Culture"

- Prevention of errors and adverse events
- Capture near misses
- Learning from events when they do occur
- Move away from "Shame and Blame"
- Focus on system issues
- Emphasis on teamwork and communication
- Disclosure of harm
- Continuous quality improvement





#### Improving Patient Safety: Reporting

- To promote continuous quality improvement
- Incident reporting is NOT intended for disciplinary measures
- May require some review of procedures/ protocols
- Trending
- Important to learn from adverse events









### Charting Humanity



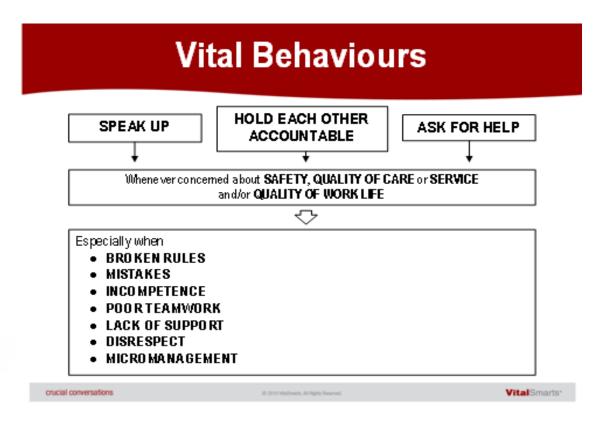
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### Your Role in Patient Safety









### Summary

- The culture determines what behaviors are acceptable and unacceptable
- Communication is of utmost importance
- Speak up
- Systems thinking
- Create an open, diverse and transparent culture
- Quality improvement
- Accreditation ready every day Standards and ROPs
- Partner with patients and families and include them as part of the team

Encourage event/incident reporting and near-misses, and use them as opportunities to prevent future errors





#### Questions/Discussion





