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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

An iceberg floating in the ocean. The tip of the iceberg is visible above the water line, while the much larger, submerged part is below. The sky is blue with some clouds, and the water is dark blue.

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



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Your Role in Patient Safety

Vital Behaviours

SPEAK UP

**HOLD EACH OTHER
ACCOUNTABLE**

ASK FOR HELP

Whenever concerned about **SAFETY, QUALITY OF CARE or SERVICE**
and/or **QUALITY OF WORK LIFE**

Especially when

- **BROKEN RULES**
- **MISTAKES**
- **INCOMPETENCE**
- **POOR TEAMWORK**
- **LACK OF SUPPORT**
- **DISRESPECT**
- **MICRO MANAGEMENT**

crucial conversations

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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

