

Role & Goals of Volunteers at MIPS

The board and staff of the Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety believe that volunteer involvement¹:

- contributes to promoting and enhancing patient safety in Manitoba
- strengthens communities by promoting change and development of self-advocacy knowledge and skills, fostered by those who know their community best
- benefits MIPS by increasing the capacity of MIPS to accomplish our mission of promoting and enhancing patient safety in Manitoba
- enhances community relationships and volunteer contributions to their community

The goals for volunteer involvement at MIPS are:

- develop effective community partnerships to promote and enhance patient safety in Manitoba
- engage the public in developing community knowledge of and skill in self-advocacy and health literacy
- enhance the capacity of MIPS to reach demographically, geographically and culturally diverse populations in Manitoba

¹Source - The Canadian Code for Volunteer Involvement, 2012 edition

What is Patient Safety

Our mandate is to promote and enhance patient safety in Manitoba, but what is patient safety?

Patient = People who have previously, currently or will ever use the healthcare system. We are all patients.

Patient Safety = This is actions taken by healthcare providers, organizations, and the public to prevent harm to patients from healthcare services.

For information about MIPS and our role in patient safety, click [here](#).

Volunteer History at MIPS

In 2007, the Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety (MIPS) established a Patient Advisory Committee (M-PAC). M-PAC worked collaboratively with MIPS to promote safety in healthcare. The committee was a means to involving the public, patients and families directly in the work of MIPS.

As public, patients and family involvement in healthcare has grown, so has MIPS. To expand MIPS' outreach on patient safety we have transitioned the Patient Advisory Committee to a volunteer program.