



Message from Jan Currie, Board Chair, and Laurie Thompson, Executive Director

Next week, October 30 – November 3, 2017, is Canadian Patient Safety Week in Canada.

The Canadian Patient Safety Institute began the annual campaign more than a decade ago as a means to inspire extraordinary improvement in patient safety and quality across our nation. Indeed, our Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety is proud to have been one of the most active and passionate promoters of the Week in Canada since its inception in 2005. The week has helped to spur talented, dedicated people in organizations such as yours to accomplish extraordinary achievements in the pursuit of patient safety.

However, recent reports in Canada, the United States and internationally suggest there have not been extraordinary improvements in patient safety, despite the growth of awareness and participation in patient safety measures and initiatives. In fact, future predictions suggest that there will be a staggering amount of growth in cases of patient safety incidents and associated healthcare expenditures in Canada.

We can turn this tide!

In Manitoba we have many key elements on which to build safer systems, such as the *Apology Act*, regional health authority and provincial health organization quality and patient safety committees, the Manitoba Patient Safety Framework, and Patient Safety Learning Advisories to name a few. We also have you, our Member Representatives and Alternates, who are leaders in patient safety. Leaders are said to be the most important factor that can accelerate patient safety improvement, so we therefore have great hope that we can make a huge difference together. You and your teams have the power to be a catalyst for culture change in your organizations. On the threshold of Canadian Patient Safety Week, we urge you to join us in making a fresh, new recommitment to the relentless pursuit of safe care for Manitobans.

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