Patient Safety Committee – Successful Restructure:
- Committee composition – committee size was approved for increase by the 2017-18 ASCLS Board
- New structure developed and implemented: 2 primary workgroups (Education & Research; Product & Promotion)
- New specialty workgroup assigned to PSC: Benchmarking Toolkit Product development
- Annual evaluation of PSC functionality completed in April 2019 demonstrates that restructure has been instrumental in increasing PSC accomplishments for the 2018-19 year

2018-19 PSC Assigned Charges, Accomplishments & In-process Actions:

**Charge #1** Continue to develop and revalidate existing patient safety tools and resources available through ASCLS and publicize their availability via appropriate media. During the revalidation, identify articles to support included information, and include that information on the Patient Safety page of the ASCLS website.

- Completed:
  - i. Patient Safety Tip brochures: Drug Interferences (Provider and Patient); Cardiac Biomarker (Provider); Reference Interval (Provider); INR Test Meter (Provider and Caregiver); Point-of-Care Use & Limitations (Provider)
  - ii. Marketing of ASCLS and Patient Safety products to non-ASCLS groups through Coalition to Improve Diagnosis (CID); revised organization of Patient Safety Tips on the website for easier access by non-laboratory professionals and/or groups
  - iii. PSC Member Orientation program
- In-Progress: Professional Communication educational product (for laboratorians & students); Revitalization of the ‘It’s Up to Me’ patient safety campaign; conversion of previous Patient Safety 101 for educators CE to PATH LMS; Non-laboratory Patient Safety educational products

**Charge #2** Collaborate with other ASCLS committees as a resource for patient safety information

- ASCLS Marketing & Communication Committee – PSC serves on this committee
- Coalition to Improve Diagnosis (CID) – PSC assisted with ASCLS becoming a coalition member and continues to serve as the liaison to this outside organization

**Charge #3** Design, develop, publish and distribute new patient safety products as needed

- Benchmarking Toolkit Workgroup: product development is in process; toolkit components have been identified and initial quality measures are being formulated
- Initial identification of new products to be developed in 2019-20: Drawing Blood after Transfusion (Provider); Reference Interval (Patient); Glucometer Use (Patient); Interpretive Comment Library (Laboratorians)

**Charge #4** Continue to develop and provide patient safety resources to be used in clinical laboratory science curricula

- Professional Communication Educational product (in-process)
- Patient Safety – Model Curriculum for MLS/MLT (in-process)
Charge #5  Strengthen media response to patient safety issues and promote the value of the clinical laboratory profession
   a. Completed: Revision of the ASCLS Patient Safety webpages on the ASCLS website; ASCLS Today Patient Safety article
   b. In-Progress: Develop program to enhance Patient Safety publications for ASCLS
      i. Request has been evaluated and recommendations were presented to the PSC on 5/9/19
   c. In-Progress: LabTestingMatters (PSC is producing 6 articles in 2019 [Jan-Jun] 5 of the 6 have been completed; URL to view articles: http://www.labtestingmatters.org/category/ascls/
   d. Patient Safety & Healthcare Quality Community: PSC continues to maintain and publish new discussions and blogs in this member community to share hot topics, new programs and offerings with this community and the Open Forum
      i. Community Members: 117
      ii. Blogs published: 119
      iii. Discussions posted: 87

Charge #6  Evaluate new routes to patient safety committee initiatives (test utilization, chose wisely, harmonization, interdisciplinary approach/education for non-laboratorians, IOM reports)
   a. PSC continues to monitor laboratory patient safety and healthcare quality organizations websites and publications for new movements, programs, etc. – information is published as blogs and discussions for the Patient Safety & Healthcare Quality Community and Open Forum
   b. Coalition to Improve Diagnosis (CID) Membership: PSC is attending coalition meetings to develop relationships with other organizations in the CID and to promote the value of ASCLS and the laboratory profession. Involvement in CID will allow dissemination of our patient safety products/programs to other non-ASCLS organizations and to obtain information from non-laboratory groups on potential new products that can be developed

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