

PATIENT SAFETY INNOVATIONS PROGRAM

Request for Proposals

How Can UW Medicine Improve Patient Safety?

We Believe You Have the Answers.

Every day, frontline clinicians are in close contact with critical safety and quality issues at UW Medicine. They see barriers to achieving quality and safety goals and envision innovative solutions. UW Medicine researchers have the tools and experience to develop successful projects to address these quality and safety challenges.

The Patient Safety Innovations Program (PSIP) recognizes and empowers clinicians and researchers to collaborate and explore solutions with grants for pilot projects addressing patient safety and quality of care. A program of the UW Medicine Patient Safety and Quality Executive Committee, PSIP recognizes UW Medicine's internal capacity to improve public health and provide the highest quality care possible to its patients.

PSIP Can Help Actualize Your Ideas to Improve Patient Safety and Care

If you are a clinician or researcher with an innovative pilot project in mind, we encourage you to apply for a grant. Projects must be led by a UW-employed faculty member whose UW Medicine component contributed to the UW Self-Insurance Revolving Fund. We are looking to fund two **18-month** projects that address one or more of the following priority areas:

- **Improving diagnosis and reducing diagnostic delays:** The 2015 National Academy of Medicine report "Improving Diagnosis in Healthcare" and the Society to Improve Diagnosis in Medicine (<https://www.improvediagnosis.org>) are especially useful resources.
- **Improving communication, specifically:** 1) handoffs/care transition; 2) Project aimed at facilitating healthcare workers speaking up about care concerns.
- **Fall prevention:** While much work is going on in this area, fall rates continue to rise. Projects related to remote monitoring would be especially welcome.

PSIP grants come with benefits to make your idea real:

- One-time \$50,000 pilot project funding
- Ongoing technical assistance and academic support
- Access to clinical leaders who can help your project succeed

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Align with UW Medicine priorities in patient safety and quality
- Focus on innovation to improve patient safety rather than ongoing operational programs
- Clearly articulate short and long-term metrics of success
- Involve multiple UW Medicine sites¹
- Reduce risks for the UW self-insurance program

Your Innovative Projects Can Transform Care at UW Medicine!

How to Apply

Applications are due by **February 28th, 2020** at 5pm Pacific Time. For additional questions, please contact PSIP staff at psip@uw.edu or visit the PSIP website, which includes examples of previously funded projects, for more details: <https://patientsafety.uw.edu/patient-safety-innovations-program>.

¹ Airlift Northwest, Harborview Medical Center, School of Medicine, University of Washington Medical Center, or UW Neighborhood Clinics