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## Patient Safety Awareness Week



**2016**  
**PATIENT SAFETY**  
**AWARENESS WEEK**  
**March 13-19**

CDC is teaming up with the National Patient Safety Foundation [NPSF](#) to increase awareness of issues that affect patient safety as part of the [2016 Patient Safety Awareness Week](#), March 13-19.

Every day, [patients get infections](#) in healthcare facilities while they are being treated for something else. These infections can have major repercussions in the lives of patients, including sepsis and in some cases, death. CDC partners with numerous organizations and individuals to prevent the cause of these infections through simple steps such as improved [hand hygiene](#), [injection safety](#), and [infection prevention efforts](#).

[Learn more about Patient Safety.](#)

## MDS Submission Downtime Reminder

[S&C: 16-12-ALL](#)

The QIES system is used by providers to submit assessment information such as the Minimum Data Set (MDS) for nursing homes and OASIS for home health agencies. QIES is also used by State Survey Agencies and staff at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to produce reports on assessment information and survey status of providers and suppliers. The QIES System will be unavailable from March 16 through March 21, 2016