



## News Release

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### Health Quality Council of Alberta seeks members for provincial Patient/Family Safety Advisory Panel

(Calgary, AB)...The Health Quality Council of Alberta (HQCA) is recruiting volunteers to serve on a new provincial advisory panel to leverage the experiences and perspectives of patients and their families to improve and promote safety in Alberta's health system. The panel was created as a strategic initiative through the provincial *Patient Safety Framework for Albertans*, which was released in September 2010. Through the HQCA, the panel will work to promote patient safety principles, concepts and actions in all aspects of Alberta's publicly-funded health care system.

The volunteer panel will include, but is not limited to, eight people from across the province that have experienced harm as a result of health care services received in Alberta either as a patient or through the experience of a family member.

"The Patient/Family Safety Advisory Panel gives Albertans a chance to provide their insight and advice into health care safety issues that affect the lives of many people," said HQCA Chief Executive Officer Dr. John Cowell. "This input will inform the work the HQCA is doing and help us continue to build a safer health care system in Alberta."

Albertans interested in becoming a member of the Patient/Family Safety Advisory Panel should complete and submit an expression of interest form by **Friday, August 26, 2011**.

Expression of interest forms are available:

- By visiting [www.hqca.ca](http://www.hqca.ca)
- By phoning 403.297.8162 or 780.429.3008
- By emailing [info@hqca.ca](mailto:info@hqca.ca)

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*The HQCA gathers and analyzes information, monitors the health care system, and collaborates with Alberta Health and Wellness, Alberta Health Services, health professions, academia and other stakeholders to translate that knowledge into practical improvements to health service quality and patient safety in the health care system. The HQCA is a corporation created in 2006 by the Health Quality Council of Alberta Regulation under the Regional Health Authorities Act.*

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