

Patient Safety Initiatives



YOUR HEALTH CARE BE INVOLVED

Your Healthcare be Involved is the first program of its kind in Ontario. This initiative, developed and managed by the Ontario Hospital Association, with funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, provides patients with five tips to engage and encourage them to be more involved in their health care.

Since the initiative's launch in 2005, Halton Healthcare Services has prominently displayed the Your Health Care Be Involved materials throughout its three hospitals. Posters are displayed in the hospital and brochures outlining the five patient safety tips are distributed to admitted patients and can be found in information centres located near elevators and in high-traffic corridors. During Patient Safety Week in October the Your Health care be involved campaign is prominently displayed in the hospitals' cafeterias on tent cards on all tables.

Halton Healthcare Services believes that the involvement of patients in their health care is a vital component of improving patient safety and is proud to support the Your Health Care Be Involved initiative as one component of our patient safety program.

Five Patient Safety Tips

1. Be involved in your health care. Speak up if you have questions or concerns about your care.
2. Tell a member of your health care team about your past illnesses and your current health condition.
3. Bring all of your medicines with you when you go to the hospital or to a medical appointment.
4. Tell a member of your health care team if you have ever had an allergic or bad reaction to any medicine or food.
5. Make sure you know what to do when you go home from the hospital or from your medical appointment.

