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**Horizon Health Network
Terms of Reference
Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Committee**

AUTHORITY

The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Committee reports to the Board of Directors

PURPOSE

The Board of Directors of Horizon Health Network (Horizon) is committed to excellence and to a culture of patient safety within the organization. As such, the Board has established a Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Committee to aid in the achievement of this commitment.

The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Committee serves to demonstrate to the Board of Directors, to the communities served and to the Department of Health that Horizon meets its requirements as it pertains to patient safety, risk identification and mitigation, and quality improvement. The Committee provides the organizational leadership that ensures the development and sustainment of a patient safety culture and will use an evidence-based approach to promote best practices and quality improvement initiatives throughout the organization.

FUNCTIONS

The Committee:

- Develops strategic goals and objectives in line with Horizon’s Business Plan and Accreditation Canada’s quality improvement and patient safety standards, and other legislated/regulated standards.
- Approves and follows indicators to monitor achievement of goals and objectives.
- Identifies opportunities for improvement and recommends actions to address them.
- Works with Executive Management Team to identify risks to Horizon and promotes ongoing quality improvement.
- Supports organization-wide patient safety initiatives.
- Monitors system-level measures of patient care and safety.
- Monitors trends in incidents reporting.

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- Monitors trends in infection prevention and control.
- Promotes the use of multidisciplinary and evidence-based processes in the evaluation of incidents, sentinel events and near misses in order to implement sustainable improvements.
- Receives reports and recommendations from Horizon Quality and Patient Safety Committee.

MEMBERSHIP

- The Chairperson of the Board of Directors is a voting member of all Board Committees
- Four Board members, one of whom will be the Chairperson
- President and Chief Executive Officer is an ex-officio member without a vote on all Committees of the Health Authority
- Representation from Vice Presidents as required

MEETINGS

The Committee meets a minimum of four times per year.