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All Eyes on Patient Safety

To begin with, it's just the right thing for hospitals to focus upon. It's also part of this year's PEAK Awards program at Asante, with employees at most entities able to earn as much as \$300 each by meeting or exceeding goals.



And now there's a national observance – National Patient Safety Awareness Week, March 8 through 15. If patient safety wasn't already top-of-mind at Asante, it will be for those seven days as the organization's three hospitals join other health-care institutions around the U.S. in drawing attention to the details of protecting patients from harm – everything from hand-washing to preventing deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism.

Asante will participate in the annual education and awareness campaign by highlighting safety initiatives at each of its hospitals. Informational tables will be located in the cafeterias at Asante Rogue Regional and Asante Three Rivers, and in the front lobby at Asante Ashland Community Hospital.

Employees are encouraged to stop at the informational tables and look at the work being done to insure patient safety. There will be takeaways at each table, along with raffles for gift certificates.

This year's national awareness week theme is "United in Safety" – everyone in health care, from front-line staff to the top executive, plays a role in providing safe patient care. Health-care workers will be encouraged to focus on patient engagement – the relationships between providers and their patients and families.

The National Patient Safety Foundation organizes the annual observance, and partners with patients and families, health-care workers and key stakeholders to advance patient safety and offer strategies to prevent harm.

At Asante, [this year's PEAK Awards](#) include patient safety goals at each of the three hospitals. Those goals are based on specific measurements of hospital-acquired conditions and patient safety indicators, developed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

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