

MEDIA ADVISORY

Policy Makers, Health Care Providers and Business Leaders Join Forces to Make Ohio the Safest Place in the Nation for Health Care

WHO:

- Ohio Governor Ted Strickland
- Ohio House of Representatives Speaker Armond Budish
- Partners in the newly formed Solutions for Patient Safety
 - ▶ Kerry Clark, Chairman and CEO Cardinal Health
 - ▶ Uma Kotagal, M.D., Senior Vice President, Quality & Transformation, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and Ohio Children's Hospital Association
 - ▶ Jim Anderson, President and CEO, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
 - ▶ Dave Blom, President and CEO, OhioHealth
 - ▶ Michael G. Morris, Chairman, President and CEO, AEP, and Immediate Past Chairman, Ohio Business Roundtable
 - ▶ Joe McCannon, Vice President, Institute for Healthcare Improvement

WHAT:

Announcing a new, unique collaboration among health care providers and the business community with a shared aspiration of making Ohio the safest place in the nation for health care.

The partnership, initially funded by a \$1.5 million investment from the Cardinal Health Foundation, will share details about its first set of initiatives focusing on improving patient safety and reducing health care costs in Ohio. Details will include timelines and goals for reducing health care associated-infections and medication errors at Central Ohio hospitals and Ohio's children's hospitals. Key state policy makers and leaders from Ohio's health care and business community will also share insight into the important role that all participants in the health care system play in improving health care quality in our state.

WHEN:

Thursday, January 15, 2009
10 a.m.

WHERE:

Ohio Statehouse Atrium

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