Safety in Hospitals: Analysis of the 2026/27 QIP Submissions

This summary shares insights from the Safety section of the 132 Quality Improvement Plans (QIPs) submitted by hospitals for 2026/27.

Progress Report

Most common successes or enablers:
- Staff and physician education
- Standard work and processes
- Leadership engagement
- Auditing and case review

Most common challenges or barriers:
- HHR shortages and vacancies
- Documentation and HIS challenges
- Inconsistent workflows

Common Change Ideas: Medication Reconciliation

- Documentation and HIS/EMR improvements (44%)
- Pharmacy and physician engagement (27%)
- Staff education and standard work (18%)

Workplan Performance

Progress on Indicators

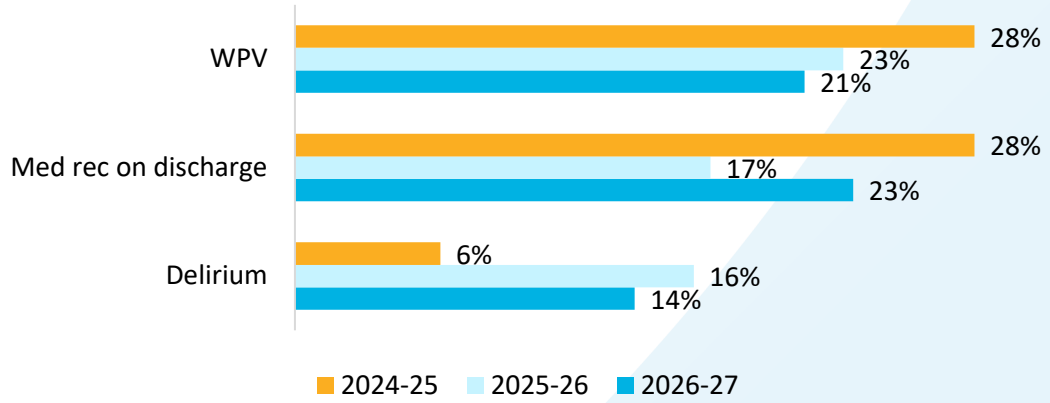
77% reduction in workplace violence incidents per 100 staff since 2024/25

11% reduction in medication reconciliation at discharge

0.98% rate of delirium onset during hospitalization, up from 0.67% last year. (Delirium is nondirectional: an increase may reflect improved screening, identification, and documentation rather than more delirium.)

Indicator Uptake for 2026/27

% of Teams Selecting Equity Indicators Year Over Year



Common Change Ideas: Delirium

- Staff and physician education (59%)
- Screening process and audits (100%)
- EMR tools and order sets (23%)

Common Change Ideas: Workplace Violence

- Named trainings: de-escalation and code white (41%)
- Annual violence reviews and risk assessments (18%)
- Personal alarms and safety equipment (24%)
- Improved security processes and staffing (20%)

Narrative Report Themes

- Teams continue to select more custom indicators and fewer matrix indicators
- Workplace violence, IPAC, falls, and pressure injuries lead the custom indicator themes
- The same change ideas appear among both successes and challenges — progress depends on the conditions to carry them through

To review the data and learn more about the QIPs submitted across the province, visit Query QIPs.

Abbreviations: EMR, electronic medical record; HHR, health human resources; HIS, hospital information system; IPAC, infection prevention and control; WPV, workplace violence.

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