

## ICSI Announces the New Zero Suicide Initiative



Beginning in October, 2020 ICSI is partnering with MDH to bring training resources, implementation support, practical tips and networking with other suicide prevention and intervention champions across the state. In this monthly learning collaborative, teams will develop goals and objectives, and create an action plan for moving forward as part of a learning collaborative.

Based on the seven essential elements of the nationally acclaimed Zero Suicide Model, the new Zero Suicide Initiative will help design and nurture a less fragmented system to support patients at risk for suicide. **This collaborative effort is free for ICSI Member organizations - and if you're not a member, let's talk!**

[Learn more about the Zero Suicide Initiative here.](#)

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## ICSI News: 30 Minnesota Companies Sign Commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

On September 18, ICSI, along with other Minnesota health service providers and healthcare stakeholders, announced the creation of a joint commitment to eliminate systemic racism and its negative impact on health and well-being. The announcement includes principles to address racial disparities and inequities within our industry and our communities.



Dr. Penny Wheeler

"We are grateful for the collaboration from so many in the creation of these guiding principles," said Dr. Penny Wheeler, President and CEO of Allina Health. "While each organization may approach the work differently, the shared principles are meant to be a catalyst for the health care community to align on a direction and make progress faster than we would independently. Together, we have the ability to positively impact more than 100,000 employees across our organizations and throughout our communities." [Read the news release and list of companies here.](#)

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## Opioid Prescribing Improvement Guide and Postoperative Prescribing Toolkit Available for Download Now

ICSI has introduced two new tools to help identify and support safer opioid prescribing

when pain management is required. DHS contracted with ICSI to create these tools so providers could more easily demonstrate improvements in safe opioid prescribing practices.

## ICSI Opioid Prescribing Improvement Guide

## ICSI Opioid Postoperative Prescribing Toolkit

**The Opioid Prescribing Improvement Guide** addresses opioid prescribing for patients with acute, subacute and chronic pain.

**The Postoperative Prescribing Toolkit** is focused specifically on the initial postoperative discharge and post-acute phase of opioid prescribing. The Toolkit is designed as a companion to the Guide, and can be used by surgical teams to improve safe opioid prescribing.

[Download the Opioid Prescribing Improvement Guide and Postoperative Prescribing Toolkit here.](#)

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