Since 1999 the Institute of Medicine has recommended that patient safety reporting systems be used in an effort to improve patient safety. Since 2004 the State of NJ has required that all acute care hospitals report medical errors to the New Jersey Department of Health for use in developing patient safety initiatives.

All three sites have mechanisms in place for reporting patient safety concerns. Each event reporting system has an extensive list of reportable events however common occurrences include medication dosing or administration errors, delays in care, complications of lab testing, and near miss events.

University Hospital - Patient Safety Net

- Go to myportal.rutgers.edu and log-in using your core/netID login and password.
- Select the "Healthcare" tab at the top
- On the left-hand side under "University Wide Toolbox" click Patient Safety Net-Event Reporting

Hackensack University Medical Center

- Go to the HUMCNet home page and choose the red "Submit Event Report Here to Risk Management" button
- To learn more about Hackensack's patient safety efforts check out their website: http://www.hackensackumc.org/about-us/performance-quality-outcomes/patient-safety-department/

Veterans Affairs Medical Center

- Log-in to any VA computer and choose the "Electronic Patient Event Report" program located on the desktop