

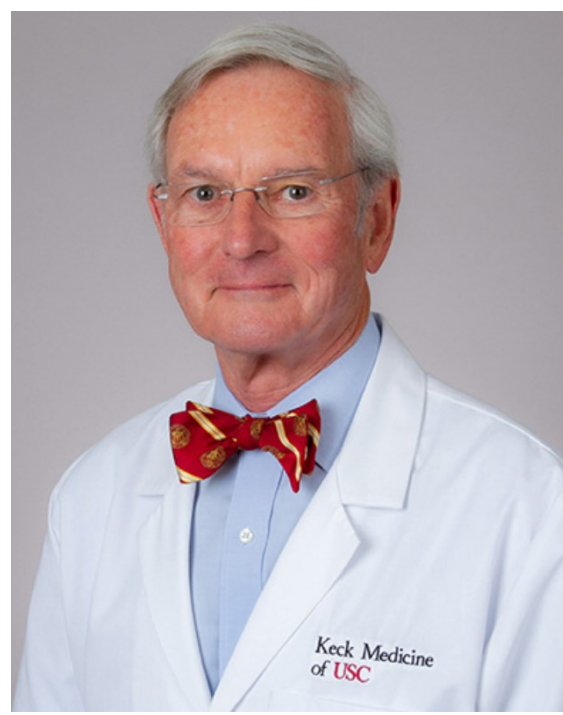


**“Imagine what we could achieve if every action came from a place of kindness. Not weakness. Not convenience. But a choice to lead with compassion.”**

*Joe Kiani, Founder  
Patient Safety Movement Foundation*

## May 2025 Newsletter

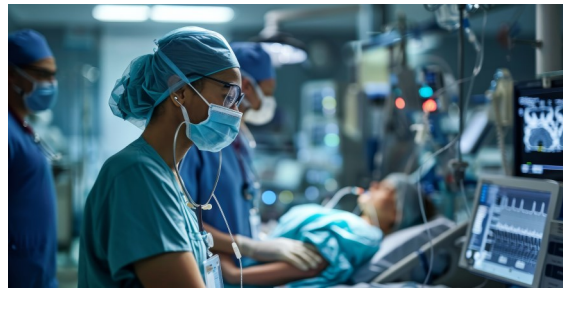
### Highlights



**In Memory of Professor Philip D. Lumb, M.B., B.S., M.D., M.C.C.M.;** We are deeply saddened by the passing of Professor Philip D. Lumb, a cherished member of our Governance Board and a visionary in anesthesiology and critical care. Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Lumb exemplified leadership, mentorship, and service, touching countless lives with his compassion, wisdom, and unwavering dedication to patient safety. Beyond his many professional achievements, he was a guiding light to all who knew him—leading with humility, listening with sincerity, and inspiring generations of clinicians. His spirit lives on in the values he embodied: kindness, curiosity, integrity, and service. He will be profoundly missed and forever remembered.

**In his CEO letter, Dr. Michael Ramsay** highlighted the Patient Safety Movement Foundation’s commitment to advancing patient safety through 20 continuously updated, evidence-based practice documents. He announced new educational videos produced by ShareSafe Media, led by Dr. Peter Pronovost. Importantly, Dr. Ramsay noted a major legal shift: the American Law Institute now recognizes evidence-based practices—not customary practice—as the standard of care. This evolution, detailed in a recent *JAMA* article, empowers physicians to prioritize safer, more effective care delivery.

**Dr. Sanaz Massoumi, PSMF COO,** emphasized the urgent need for greater stroke awareness, especially among at-risk populations like Black and Hispanic Americans. Recognizing symptoms early with the F.A.S.T. method can save lives. Many stroke risk factors—like high blood pressure and diabetes—are preventable with proper care. Dr. Massoumi also highlighted the growing role of artificial intelligence in improving early stroke detection and speeding treatment. This innovation is transforming stroke care, helping hospitals respond faster and improving outcomes nationwide.



**May is Critical Care Awareness Month;** Each May, we honor critical care teams who stand at the frontlines of medicine, caring for over 5 million ICU patients annually. Through expertise, compassion, and teamwork, intensivists and multidisciplinary teams save lives daily. Innovations in ICU care continue to improve patient outcomes and highlight the resilience of these heroes.

**Consuelo Tolentino, PSMF Patient Safety Program Lead,** reflected on the urgent need to address maternal mental health. Untreated postpartum depression can lead to maternal deaths and infant developmental delays. Early detection and intervention are vital. The AIM Patient Safety Bundle provides a framework to support mothers, improve outcomes, and promote healthier futures for both mothers and infants.

**BMJ Global Health highlights the urgent need for disability inclusion** in clinical trials and healthcare. Despite representing 15% of the population, disabled individuals make up just 4–5% of trial participants. Reforms like improving accessibility, communication, and training are essential to ensure equity, better health outcomes, and stronger emergency preparedness.



**May is National Cancer Research Month—**a time to honor scientific advances that improve cancer care and survival. Research enables early detection, targeted therapies, and personalized treatment. It drives innovation, reduces disparities, and brings hope. Supporting cancer research accelerates progress and brings us closer to a future free from cancer.

**Additional noteworthy news** in patient safety are outlined in the following links:

[CT Scans that are a diagnosis](#) tool for many clinicians, may be exposing patients to excessive radiation while they are in use.

[A medical study conducted](#) at the University of Tennessee found that fasting every other day outperformed calorie cutting for weight loss.

[A study of over 7,000 proteins in spinal fluid](#) identified a ratio of two proteins that can indicate memory problems and predict Alzheimer’s onset up to 20 years before symptoms appear, offering potential for early treatment.

[The US Supreme Court ruled 6-3](#) in favor of the Food and Drug Administration’s denial flavored vaping products. Flavored vaping products were used frequently by children under the age of 18 and were banned due to its published health risks.

[According to an article published in JAMA,](#) AI technologies in healthcare hold great promise for improving diagnosis and treatment but also place significant burdens on physicians, as they must navigate the challenges of relying on AI.

[President Trump’s 2025 executive order](#) aims to force price transparency in healthcare, however the initiative has faced challenges, its effectiveness in helping consumers compare actual out-of-pocket costs.

[The measles outbreak in the U.S.](#) continues to escalate, with over 800 reported cases to date.

[Tariffs are expected to impact the pharmaceutical and healthcare industries,](#) potentially reshaping pricing agreements between companies and hospitals.

[Dartmouth University](#) held its second annual symposium on how AI will transform healthcare

[A team of Singapore scientists](#) have recently released the most extensive RNA dataset to date, in the hopes of breaking the bottleneck of scientific research.

[A comprehensive meta analysis](#) found strong evidence that medical cannabis aids cancer care both palliatively and as a potential anticancer agent.



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