Patient safety is a vital concern in medicine today. Because of its multi-disciplinary nature, involving different healthcare professionals, different clinical areas, and different fields of research both inside and outside of healthcare, librarians play an essential role in improving patient safety.

Layla Heimlich and Fred King, reference librarians at the William B. Grew, MD, Health Sciences Library of Washington Hospital Center, partnered with the Department of Quality Resources to create a Patient Safety Information website on the hospital's intranet. The site draws together initiatives from different hospital departments and provides links to current patient safety research, thus connecting Hospital Center practitioners to each other and to the world.