The Simple Story... for Patients

A team of dedicated healthcare and technology experts set out to improve patients' safety and experience in hospital stays...

They created a plan and developed the tools to help patients become better informed and more involved, and to give clinicians better information...

So patients now have a better view of and voice in their care, everyone is more aware of patient risks, and hospital staff can make better and faster decisions about patient care in real time...

The result: a safer, better patient experience.

A Better, Safer Patient Experience

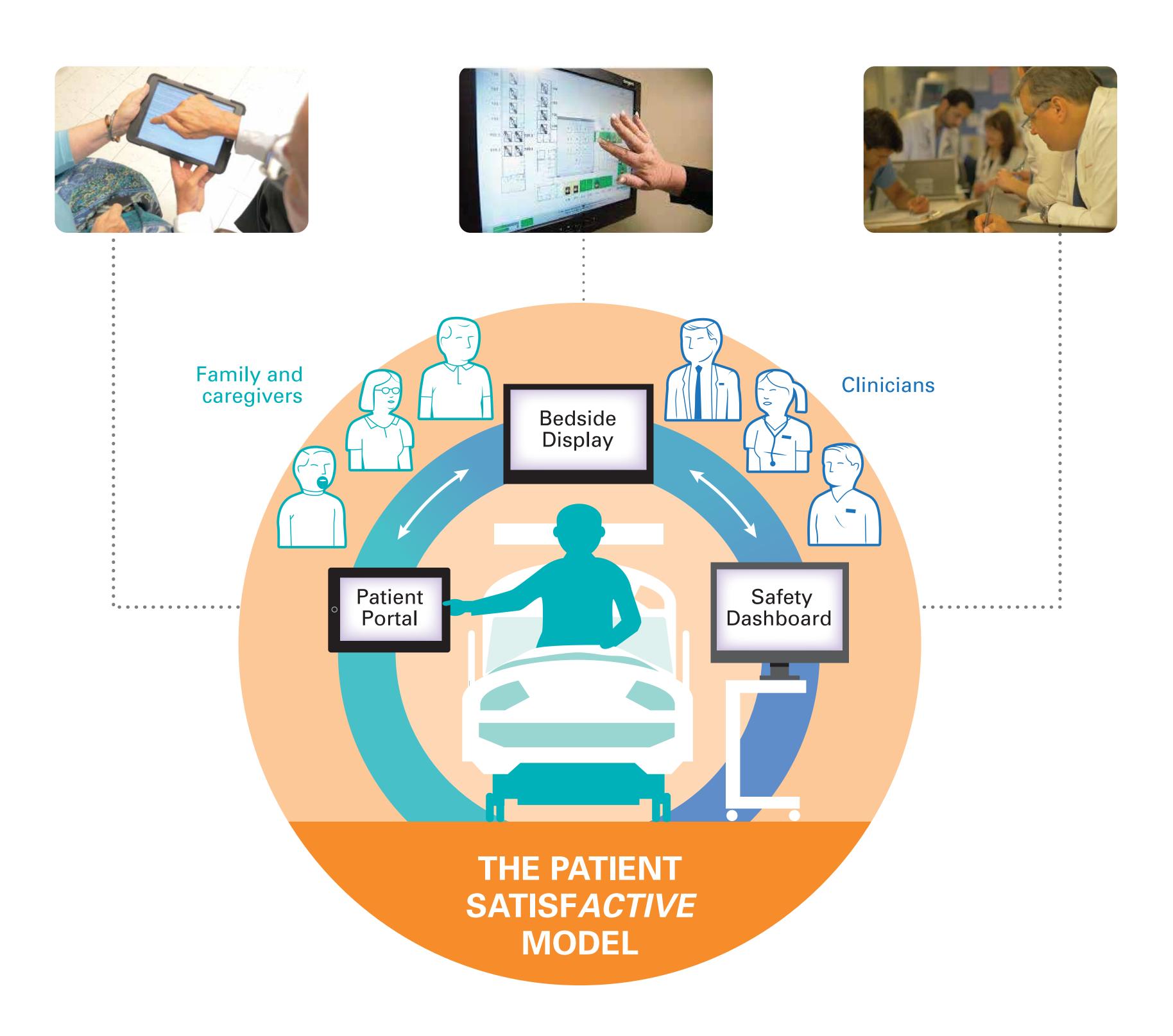
In 2015 a dedicated team of healthcare and technology experts from two leading institutions set out to improve patient safety by making acute care more patient-centered. Physicians, nurses, other healthcare team members, researchers, and administrators from Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School, collaborated with systems engineers and technologists from Northeastern University.

They came together to develop tools and interventions to help healthcare providers, patients, and their families take part in a more patient-centered culture that would improve safety by preventing harms — such as medication errors, hospital acquired infections, and falls — during hospital stays.





The result of this collaboration is The Patient-Centered Safety Plan — a new model for patient-clinician interaction that raises patients' awareness of safety issues and risk prevention, encourages patients to give input into their care, and provides clinicians with more tools to monitor patient safety risks in real time.

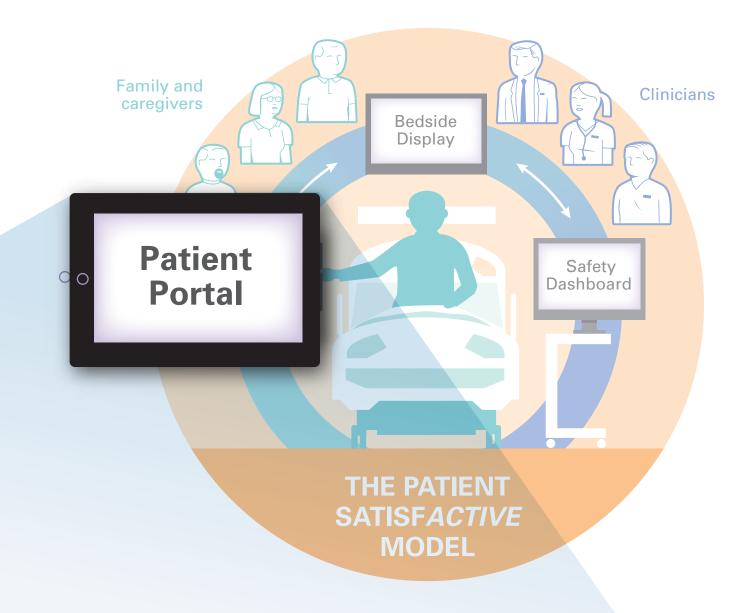


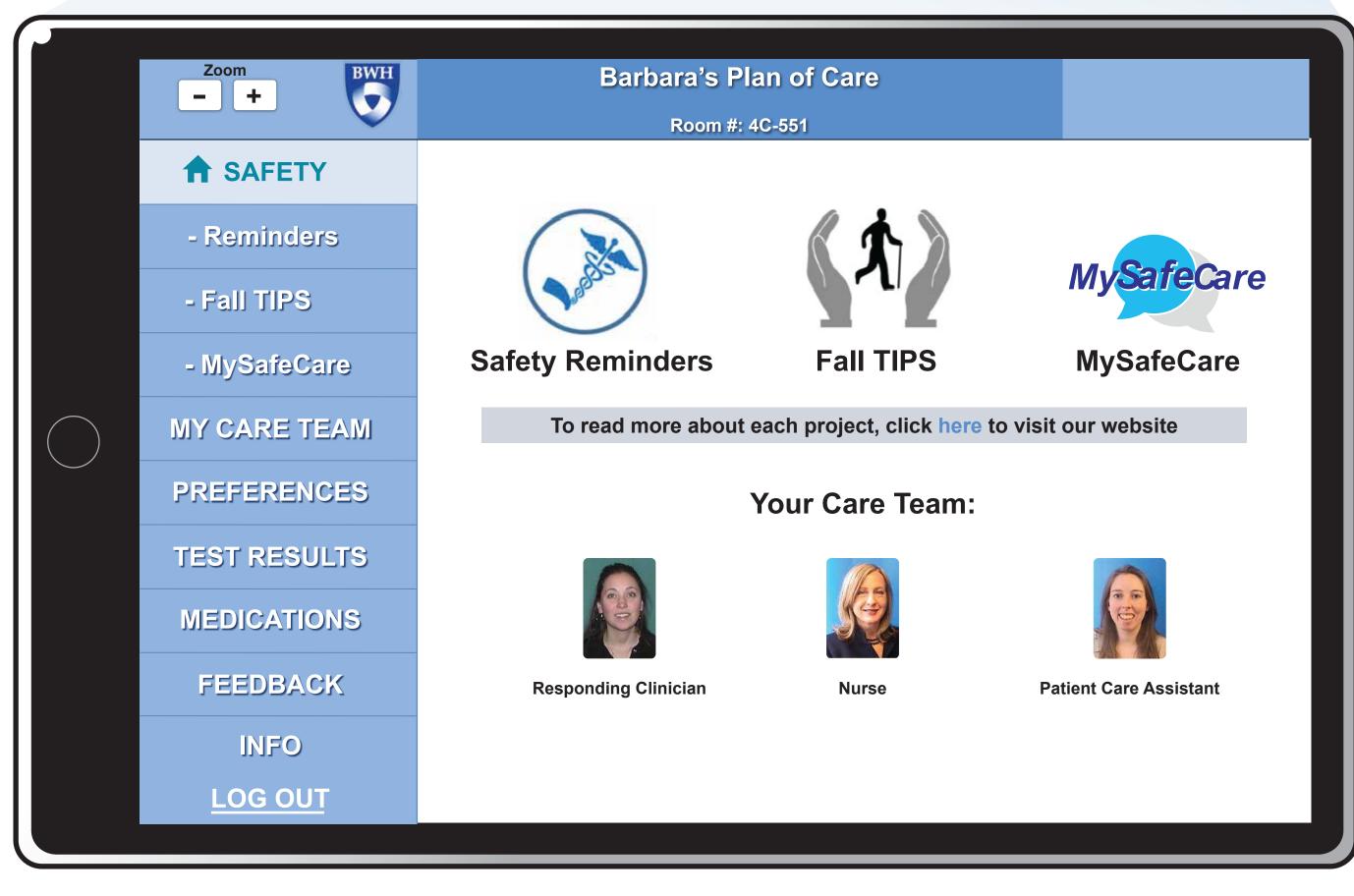
THE PATIENT'S VIEW

Upon admission to the hospital, incoming patients and their caregivers receive a tablet with the patient's information already imported into a personalized **Patient Portal.**

Using this portal, patients and their caregivers can see:

- 1. The physicians, nurses, and clinicians on their team
- 2. Their test results and trends
- 3. Their medication list
- 4. Reminders about how to stay safe in the hospital



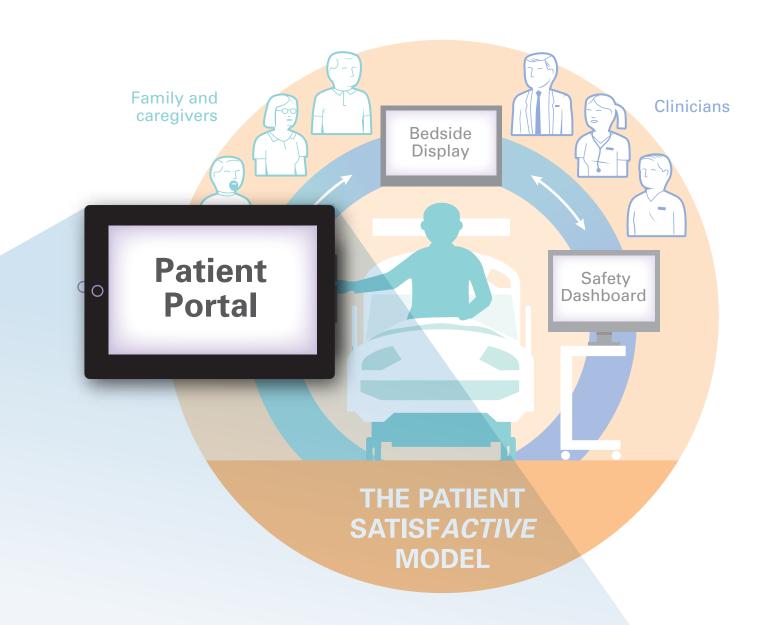


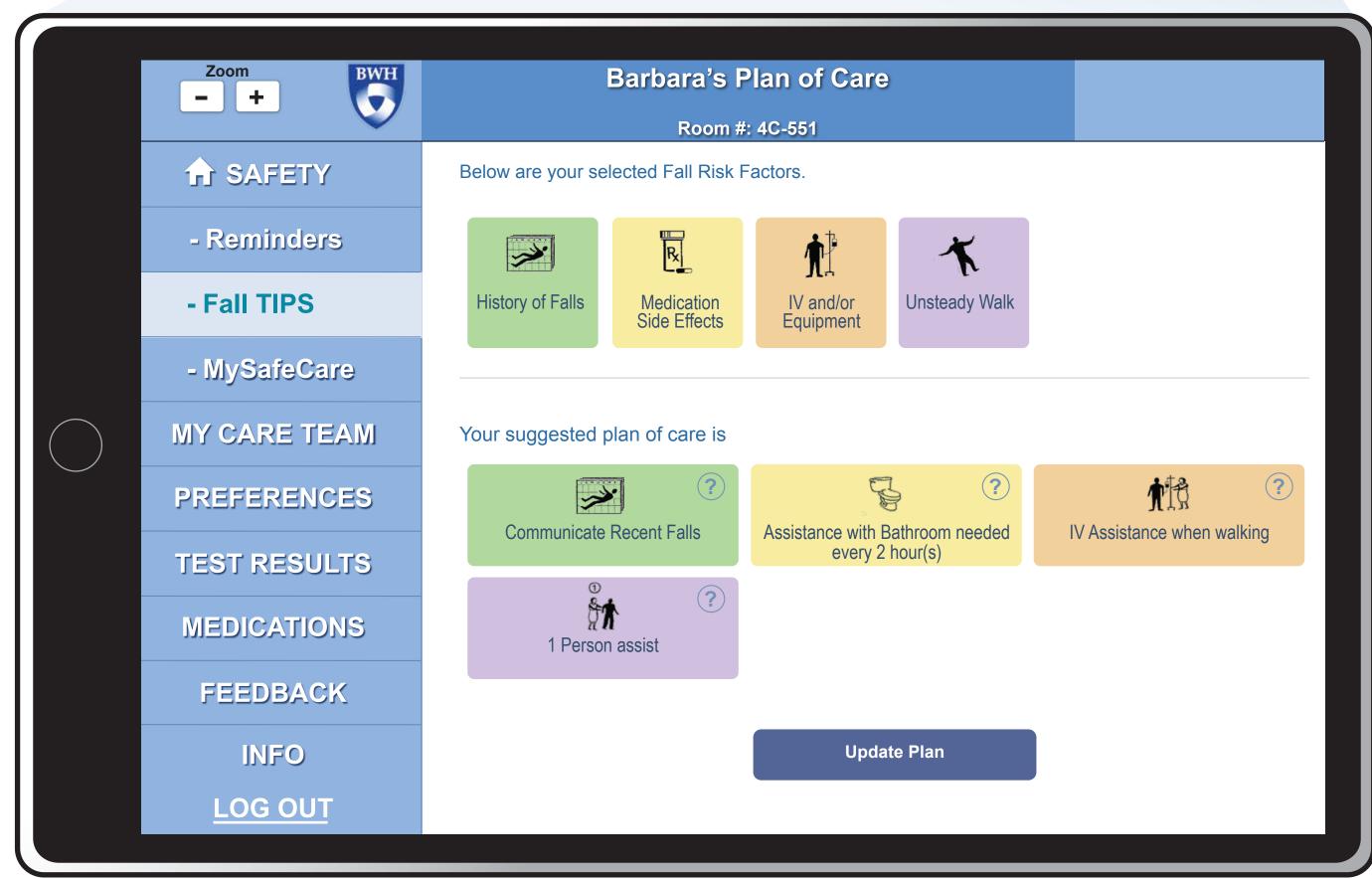
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Fall Prevention

Additionally, the portal gives patients access to their personal fall prevention plan.

Fall TIPS highlights their specific fall risk factors and provides an action plan to address those risks and reduce the likelihood of falling in the hospital.





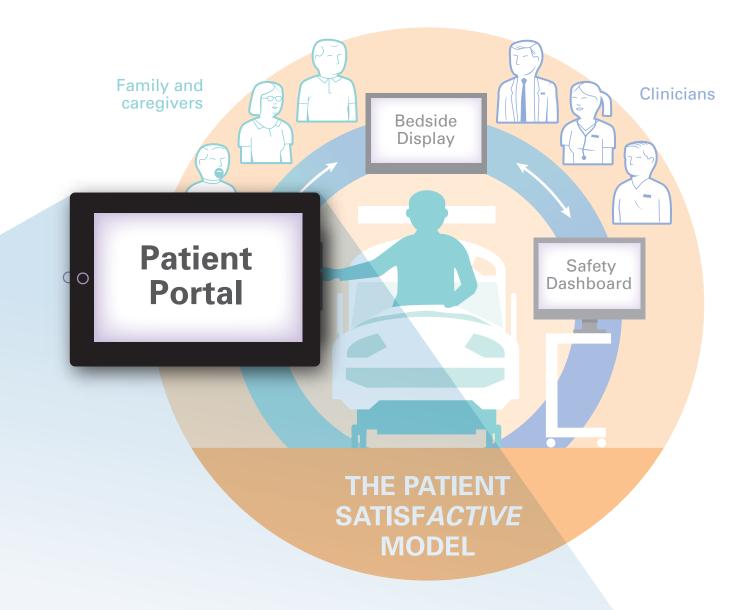
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Patient Voice

The portal also gives patients a means to shape their own hospital experience. Through the MySafeCare Application, patients can share anonymous or identified real-time concerns about their:

- Safety plan
- Medication
- Room (equipment noise)
- Hospital team communication
- Hygiene
- Privacy
- Pain
- Waiting time
- Or any other concern

They can also share positive feedback about their hospital experience.

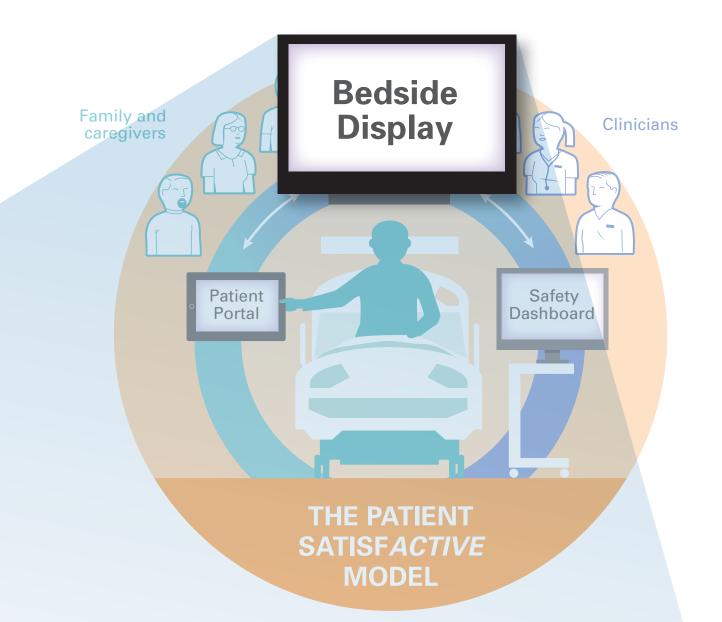




A SHARED VIEW

Another new technology, the **Bedside Display**, presents information to help everyone entering a patient's room stay informed about the patient's specific care and safety measures.

In addition to telling hospital staff about the patient's specific needs, the bedside display gives patients and their caregivers safety information, fall prevention tips, and other reminders to help them take part in staying safe.

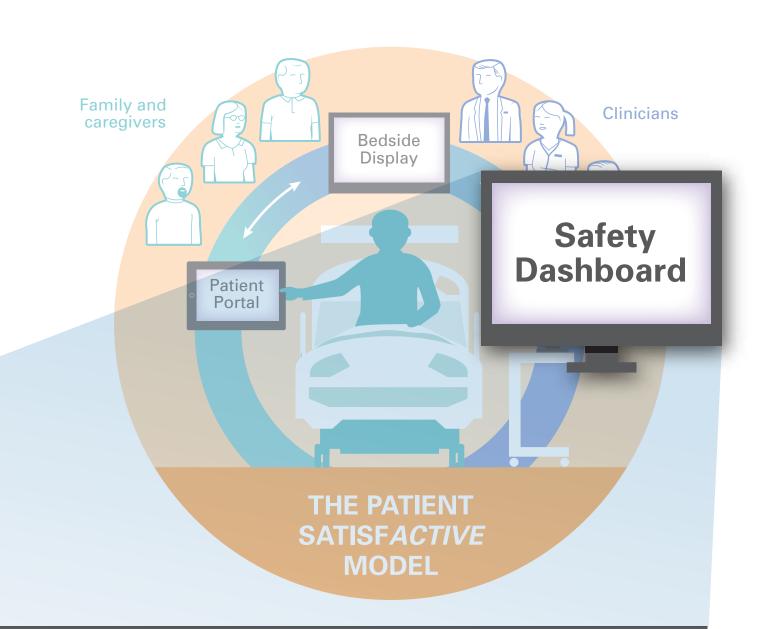


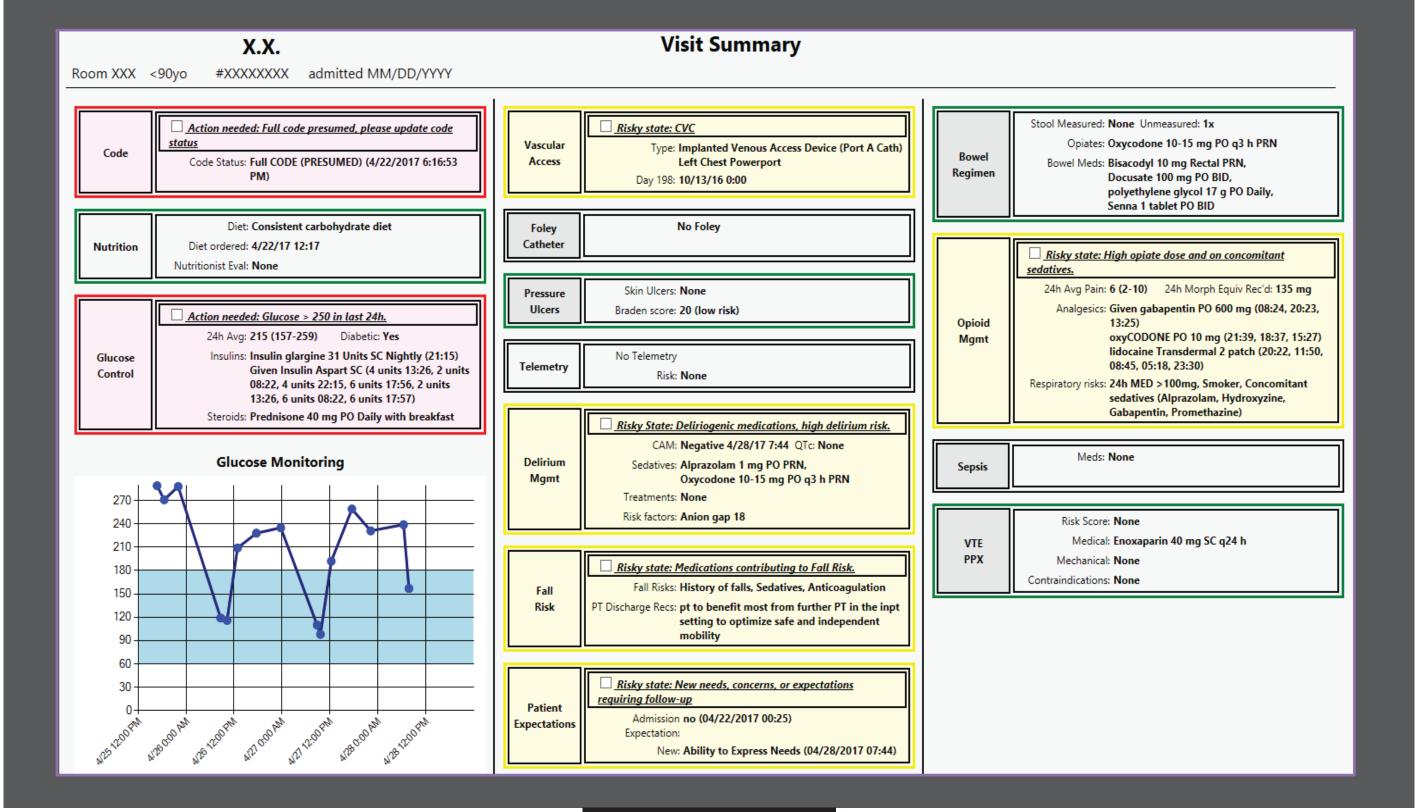


THE CLINICIAN'S VIEW

Outside the patient's room, hospital staff can now review patients' care status on the **Patient Dashboard**.

Selected information including patients' vital signs, test results, medications, expectations, and more are visible on a single screen. Behind the scenes, the dashboard uses sophisticated logic (incorporating evidence-based medicine, state mandates, and hospital policies) to determine the general status of each element — ranging from "good," to "risky state," to "action needed."



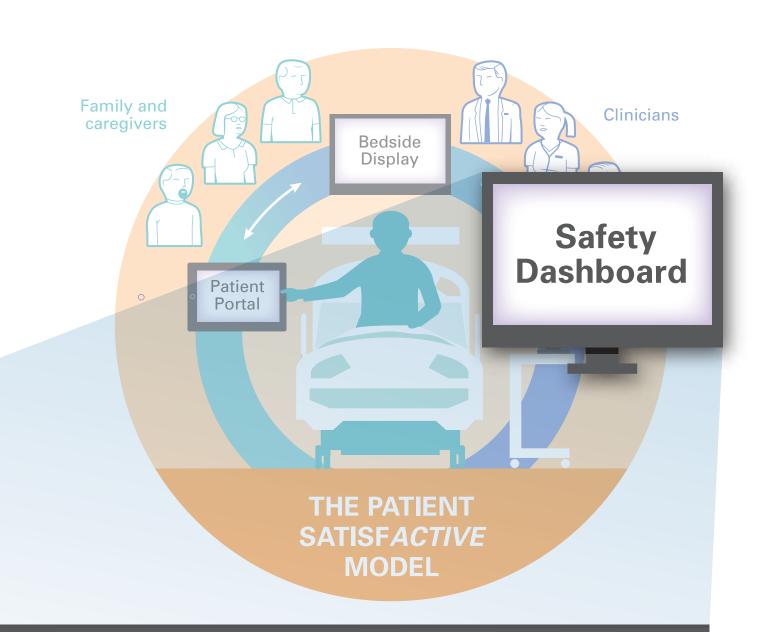


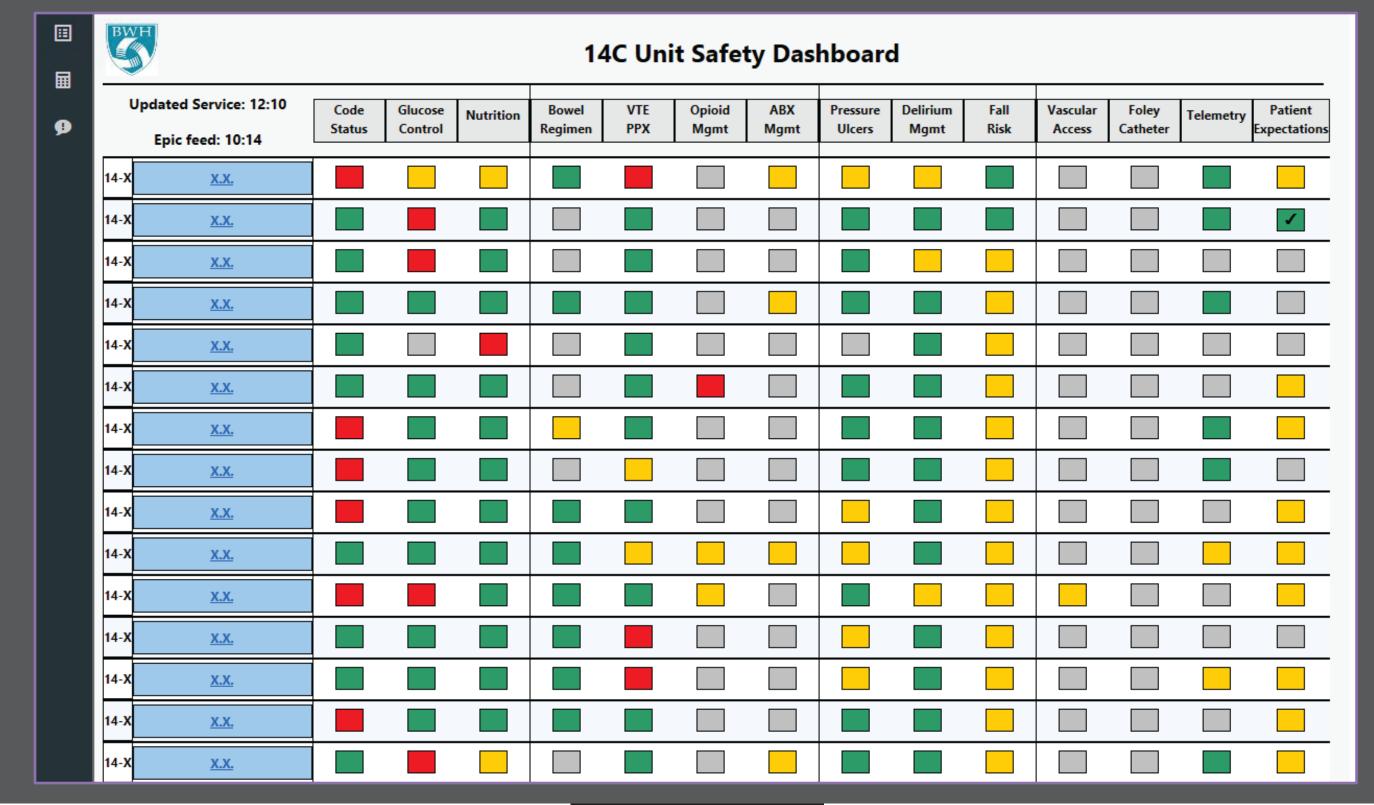
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Beyond the patient-specific view, the dashboard also displays information about the unit or team as a whole, giving hospital staff an at-a-glance view of the status of all patients in a unit or on a medical team.

Green/yellow/red indicators show a host of metrics and provide a quick visual sense of overall unit status and need for action.

The data in this dashboard are pulled from all available sources in real time, to help staff make rapid decisions about their patients' care.



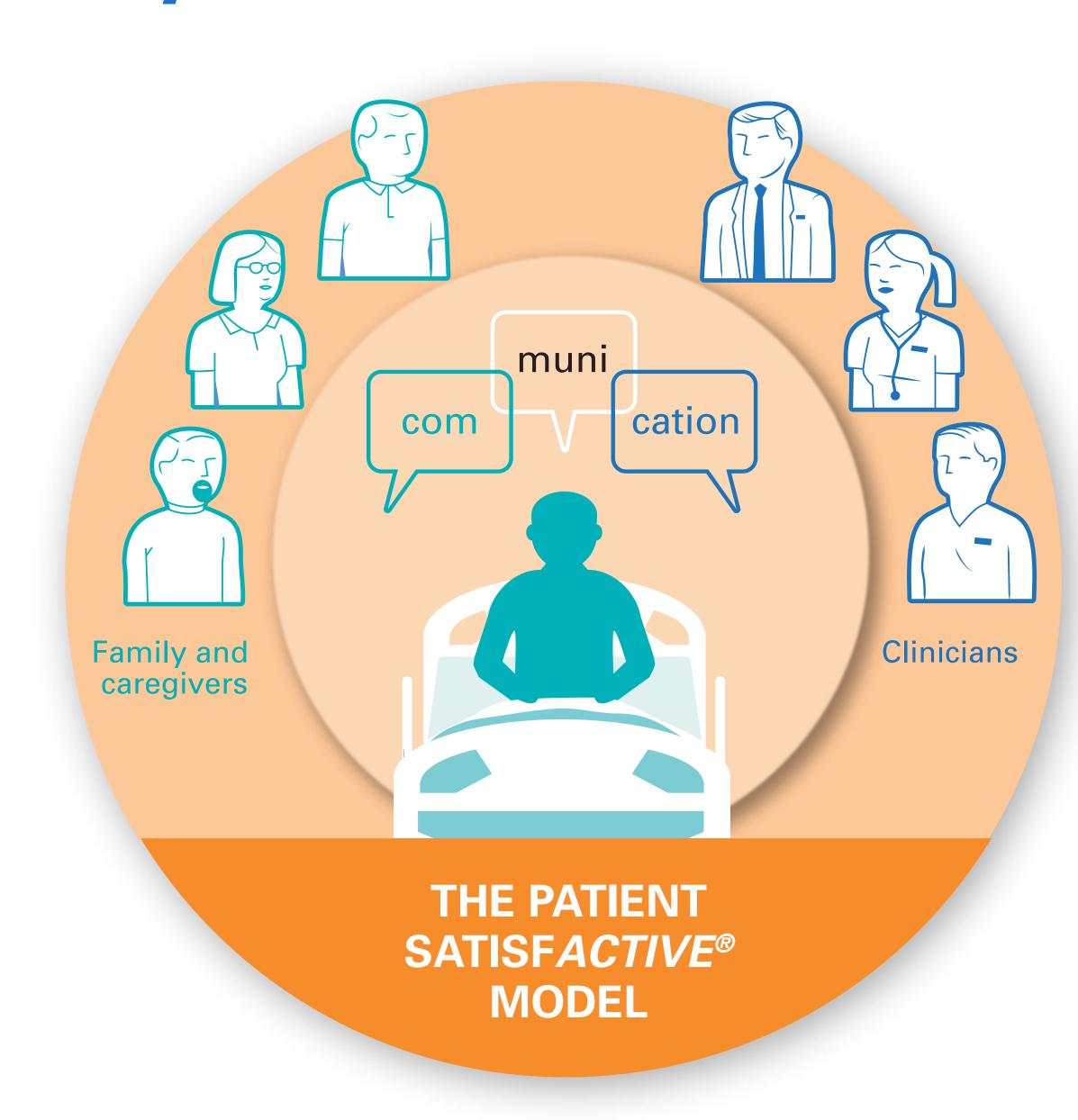


THE FOUNDATIONAL MODEL

The foundation for this improved patient and caregiver experience is the **Patient Satisf** *Active* **Model**, which emphasizes building a culture of patient-centered care by fostering better communication among patients, caregivers, and the healthcare team.

The Patient Satisf Active Model improves patients' experience and satisfaction by more effectively fulfilling their needs, addressing their concerns, and meeting their expectations while in the hospital. It helps clinicians identify, assess, and address what matters most to patients; and helps patients and their caregivers be an active part of their care and decision making.

The Patient Satisf Active Model has been tested and successfully used at multiple hospitals, including the Brigham and Women's Hospital, yielding significant improvements in patient experience and satisfaction.



The Results: A Safer, Better Patient Experience

Patients, their family caregivers, and the hospital healthcare team all work together using the tools in the Patient-Centered Safety Plan.

Now, everyone responsible for patient care, including the patients themselves, understand and quickly respond to changing circumstances in the hospital.

As a result, patients receive the safest, most patient-centered care possible throughout their stay at the Brigham and Women's Hospital.

