

Michael Wong, JD is a recognized healthcare and patient safety expert. He has been at the forefront in driving practical solutions that reduce healthcare costs, decrease medical errors, and improve patient health outcomes. He has been particularly active in these areas that most affect patient safety:



- Improving patient adherence (i.e. helping patients to take their medications as prescribed by their physicians)
- Enhancing patient access to healthcare
- Reducing medical errors

Wong is the driving force behind the [Physician-Patient Alliance for Health & Safety](#) (PPAHS), an advocacy group of physicians, patient advocates, and healthcare organizations. Supporters of and commenters for PPAHS include some of the most highly respected physicians and healthcare organizations, including the The Joint Commission, Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation, Anesthesia Quality Institute, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Stanford University School of Medicine, and Cleveland Clinic.

Together with a renowned group of health experts (including Dr. Peter Pronovost of Johns Hopkins who developed the central IV line checklist and Dr. Atul Gawande of Harvard who created the surgical checklist with the WHO), Wong helped develop a concise [checklist](#) that reminds caregivers of the essential steps needed to be taken to initiate Patient-Controlled Analgesia (PCA) with a patient and to continue to assess that patient's use of PCA. More than 56,000 adverse events and 700 patient deaths were linked to PCA pumps in reports to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) between 2005 and 2009.

Wong has achieved sustained national and international recognition as a leading expert in the area of patient health and safety. He has written numerous articles, studies and done extensive research in this area. His contributions to the health care industry have been tremendous. His original scientific work has been published in major media outlets throughout the U.S. and internationally.

In recognition of his efforts to improve patient safety, Wong is a founding member of the American Board of Patient Safety, a recently created board to certify and recertify physicians in patient safety through the [American Board of Physician Specialties](#), one of the United States's main recognized physician multispecialty certifying bodies.

A graduate of Johns Hopkins University and a former practicing attorney, Wong is on the editorial board of the [Journal of Patient Compliance](#) (JPC), the only peer reviewed journal devoted to helping patient's take their medication as physician recommended. Published in London, England, JPC looks into the ideal way in which patient compliance could be enhanced.