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Safety is crucial in the realm of healthcare. The safety of professionals, patients, and patients' families is vital to a healthy and happy society. This means preventing errors, reducing harm, and improving outcomes. Safety is a vast concept, especially in healthcare, with thousands of people involved daily. That can bring forth questions about what safety is, what safety protocols are utilized for, and how that affects the culture of patient care.

Safety is a broad concept. It is about minimizing risks and preventing harm. The definition of *safety* is "the condition of being safe from undergoing or causing hurt, injury, or loss" (Merriam-Webster, 2019). Safety is implemented into healthcare by utilizing interventions, protocols, and professional education and training. These ensure that the environment is secure and protected from harm or danger. Safety is utilized across all parts of healthcare to ensure the well-being of employees, patients, volunteers, and every other individual within a facility.

Furthermore, the utilization of safety precautions is vast and different throughout all facilities and clinics. From experience, most facilities utilize interventions, protocols, and professional training and education. An example of intervention could be a Physical Therapist