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National nursing leader, Mary Foley and patient advocate Karen Curtiss have been partnering for patients since the day they were introduced. Within weeks, Mary and Karen made their first joint appearance at a national nursing conference and, after making the case for why providers, patients and families must partner up for care 500 nurses stood to applaud.

With the rationale for why spelled out, the lingering question, however, was, “How?” So, drawing on NQF and QSEN best practices, Karen and Mary co-created Safe & Sound Family Engagement Tools for Patient Safety in Patient Centered Care, which was the basis for CMS’s Partnership for Patients 2.0 initiative in the State of California. In addition to leading Safe & Sound workshops, Karen and Mary maintain their commitments to several patient safety organizations and they continue to jointly present at medical conferences.