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Wyatt is medical director in the Division of Healthcare Improvement at The Joint Commission. In this role, he promotes quality improvement and patient safety to internal and external audiences, works to influence public policy and legislation for patient safety improvements, and serves as the lead patient safety information and education resource within The Joint Commission. Wyatt collaborates in the development of National Patient Safety Goals, Sentinel Event Alerts, and Quick Safety publication, and oversees data management and analyses in the Office of Quality and Patient Safety.

Wyatt developed and directs The Joint Commission Patient Safety Fellowship Program. He is very interested in disparity, equity, and professionalism in health care, and speaks nationally on health care equity and patient safety.

Previously, Wyatt served on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Drug Safety Oversight Board, and as a mentor to the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation advisors program at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Before joining The Joint Commission, Wyatt served as director of the Patient Safety Analysis Center for the U.S. Department of Defense Military Health System. He also serves as The Joint Commission representative on The National Coordinating Council for Medication Error Reporting and Prevention.

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