

## History

Formerly known as the Patient Safety and Clinical Pharmacy Services Alliance (PSPC), AIMM changed its name in 2012 to better capture the full scope of its mission and work.

AIMM's founding organizations include the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, the American Nurses Association, the American Pharmacists Association, the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and Apexus – the 340B/Prime Vendor Program.

The Alliance for Integrated Medication Management (AIMM) builds off of the legacy of PSPC, a national movement that promoted the integration of enhanced medication management activities into the work of interprofessional health care teams.

PSPC teams used evidence-based practices that significantly improve patients' health and safety. The results were impressive: significant reductions in adverse events and improved health status for patients whose chronic conditions were consistently out of control.

The PSPC approach, which AIMM continues to adhere to, is modeled on the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's (IHI) Breakthrough Model of Performance Improvement and is characterized by:

- patient-centered, coordinated care for defined, high-risk patient populations;
- application of best practices identified from high-performing organizations across the U.S.;
- use of rapid, iterative performance improvement cycles designed to achieve results quickly;
- intentional interprofessional care provided through specially designed delivery systems; and
- registries to manage these high-risk patients and track their care.

A National Performance Report from the PSPC, released in 2011, revealed significant clinical results for patients with diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia and high cholesterol and patients taking anticoagulation medications.

Evidence suggests that this approach will also reduce national health care costs. According to a report issued by the Institute of Medicine, an average of 35% of the cost contributed by patients with extremely uncoordinated care could be avoided with coordinated care that incorporates comprehensive medication management.