



*Save the Date!*

## Safe Care of Bariatric Patients

Please mark your calendars for **Tuesday, April 6, 2010**. On that day, in **Portland**, we are planning an all-day conference on the safe care of the bariatric (severely obese) patient. We'll offer practical advice that covers the health care continuum. While the conference will take place in Portland, this will be a cooperative regional effort by the Oregon Patient Safety Commission, the Washington Patient Safety Coalition, the Washington State Association for Healthcare Quality, and the Oregon Association of Healthcare Quality.

The conference will be anchored with a keynote presentation by Dr. Keith Bachman on weight bias among health professionals and how that bias can affect safe care. Dr. Bachman is the Clinical Lead for [Kaiser Permanente's Weight Management Initiative](#). In the Kaiser Permanente Northwest region he is the physician lead for weight management and obesity prevention activities and the medical director for the Severe Obesity/Bariatric Surgery program. He also maintains a primary care internal medicine practice. Other presentations will include sessions on maintaining skin integrity; preventing injury to staff; procedure- and surgery-related safety issues; medication safety; and others. On-line registration will soon be available at: <http://www.wapatientssafety.org/>.

Sincerely,

Jim Dameron  
Oregon Patient Safety Commission