

Kennedy University Hospital, (also referred to as Jefferson New Jersey)  
**Safe Practice Council**  
Charter

**Purpose**

Promote and maintain a safe cost effective high quality patient care environment.  
Promote Evidenced based Practice and consistent nursing practice standards.  
Support nursing practice to meet regulatory agency standards and requirements.  
Provide a structure which enables defining, evaluating, implementing and improving practice and quality of work life issues within nursing.

**Accountability**

Reports to the Coordinating Council. Disseminates information to service line and nursing units. Accountable to meet needs related to patients, families and the community. Contributes to mentoring and developing staff in champion/leadership/ambassador roles.

**Goals**

Development & implement standards of care.  
Identify & disseminate needed changes in practice.  
Review/revise Nursing Standards Manual - Policies, Procedures & Protocols.  
Act as a decision making forum for issues which affect safety, quality and evidence related to clinical nurse practice.  
Analyze data and provide feedback on initiatives that comply with National Patient Safety Goals (NPSG).  
Support best practice initiatives based upon the results of nurse sensitive quality indicators - NDNQI.  
Enhance clinical nurses' knowledge and practice related to PDSA, data analysis and use of data to identify opportunities for nursing improvements.

**Membership (delineate chairpersons)**

Clinical representation from all units	Educator from each campus
1 representative from Safety & Risk	1 Process Improvement Specialist
1 Clinical director / manager	1 Wound Care Specialist
1 Infection Control Practitioner	1 Clinical Informaticist
Nurse leader facilitator	
Multidisciplinary members as required for specialty	Ad hoc members invited & assist with projects as needed

**Meeting Frequency**

The council meets ten (10) times per year in accordance of Shared Governance Bylaws.