

## HRM Week FAQs

### What is HRM Week?

Health Care Risk Management Week, June 19-23, 2023, is the American Society for Health Care Risk Management's annual campaign to raise awareness about the critical role risk management and patient safety professionals play in helping to eliminate preventable serious safety events.

This year's theme "Enhancing Skills, Elevating the Profession" celebrates the central role of health care risk professionals in protecting their organizations.

### What are the main functions that today's health care risk managers serve?

Risk professionals are heavily involved in organization's clinical, risk financing, regulatory and business matters. They possess the communication skills to interact with a variety of people under different, complex circumstances, and are the go-to professionals for many challenging situations.

Although the duties of health care risk professionals vary among organizations, they are often called upon to communicate with patients' families; interact with physicians and clinical staff; educate medical staff, board members and senior leadership; and help set processes in place to reduce the risk of adverse safety events.

### How does my health care risk professional contribute to patient safety?

They identify risks that could lead to serious, preventable safety events and work toward preventing these events from happening. Risk managers believe that safe and trusted health care means saving lives and mitigating risks.

### How can I learn more about health care risk management?

Health care risk management is a constantly changing field. ASHRM provides the tools and resources to help health care risk professionals work toward eliminating preventable, serious safety events. For more information, go to [www.ASHRM.org](http://www.ASHRM.org).

