

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address March 8, 2013

“Patient Safety Awareness”

Hello this is your Congressman Michael Burgess. When I started my medical practice, my number one priority was taking care of my patients. This week is Patient Safety Awareness Week, and the focus is to have seven days of recognition and 365 days of commitment to safe care.

As a legislator I will continue to look at areas where we can make improvements as we need to focus attention on the need to improve the safety of medical care. As a patient there are several activities that you can do to help improve your care. Communicate and partner with your doctor. Talk with him or her about patient safety concerns and about ways to improve your doctor patient relationship. Communication is a key component to ensuring that you or your family member receive the best possible care.

Improving care means that there needs to be a positive collaboration between the health care institution, the provider, and the consumer. Learn how you can become more involved in your care. Learn how you can be an active member of your health care team. Learn how you can report an error in your own health care if you see one.

Your doctors and your nurses want you to have the best possible care, and recognize that you are a key component to ensuring that success.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. For more information on legislative issues before the United States Congress, please visit my website, burgess.house.gov. May God bless you and your family - and as always, may God bless Texas.