



## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

Lauren Lollini - Secretary



Lauren is a mother, a psychotherapist and a patient safety advocate focused on drug diversion education.

But to truly understand Lauren's involvement with the patient safety cause, you have to take a step back and get her story. After a routine surgery at Rose Medical Center in 2009, Lauren discovered she had Hepatitis C. She was a victim of Kristen Parker, a surgical scrub technician at Rose, who diverted drugs from operating rooms for her own use and spread the disease to hospital patients.

Shortly after her diagnosis, Lauren felt the strong desire to speak out to help others realize the victims of this tragic case of drug diversion, leading to the senseless infection of 19 innocent patients with the hepatitis C virus, were real people with families who suddenly found themselves with a deadly disease and to impress the lasting impacts it would have on their lives. Their plight was covered by news agencies across the state and Lauren was the spokeswoman as many of the victims were either too sick or too ashamed to do it themselves.

Lauren has helped to pass legislation in the state of Colorado to insure better reporting procedures among healthcare workers who abuse their position in any way as well as make it mandatory for surgical scrub technicians to be licensed with the state regulatory agency. She has lobbied for healthcare reform on Capitol Hill.

She has partnered with HONORreform and is the co-author of their blog raising awareness on injection safety as well as commenting on drug diversion incidents internationally. Lauren has also been able to lend her voice to the One and Only Campaign in Colorado and other state branches around the country.

Most notably, Lauren is a member of the Drug Diversion Prevention Committee partnering with representatives from public health, health professionals organizations, legislative, law enforcement, and other patient advocates to address and prevent drug diversion in health care facilities. Their work has been helping to further the voice of drug diversion education and has started a national dialogue in regard to steps to more easily identify healthcare workers who may be putting patients at risk due to their diversion.

Lauren is an outspoken advocate who is tireless in her efforts to spread the word about her own experience in the hopes her message will be heard and outbreaks such as the one in Colorado will not be repeated.