



WHO World Alliance for Patient Safety



Can I Save the World Without a Red Cape?

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Co-ordinate, spread
and accelerate
improvements in patient
safety worldwide



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- **Patients for Patient Safety**

- To ensure the perspective and viewpoint of patients, families and health care consumers from all corners of the globe is **infused in the work of all six strands of the World Alliance.**



Patients for Patient Safety: **Why?**

- **More to offer** than simply the victim's story of tragic medical error
- Consumers offer the **richest resource of information related to medical errors**
- Patients want to **know the truth** when things go wrong and be treated with **honesty and openness** rather than face a closed door of denial



World Alliance for Patient Safety: **Action Areas**



○ **Global Patient Safety Challenge**

- Identify specific topics
- New topic every two years
- Current topic is health care-associated infection - 'Clean Care is Safer Care'
- To catalyse worldwide commitment to make clean care safer care a reality
- Promote widespread implementation of preventive strategies.



Statement of Purpose

Patients for Patient Safety

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We, Patients for Patient Safety, envision a different world in which healthcare errors are not harming people. We are partners in the efforts to prevent all avoidable harm in healthcare. Risk and uncertainty are constant companions. So we come together in dialogue, participating in care with providers. We unite our strength as advocates for care without harm in the developing as well as the developed world.

We are committed to spread the word from person to person, town to town, country to country. There is a right to safe medical services and we will not let the current culture of error and denial, continue. We call for honesty, openness and transparency. We will make the reduction of medical errors a basic human right that preserves life around the world.

We, Patients for Patient Safety, will be the voice for all people, but especially those who are now unheard. Together as partners, we will collaborate in:

- Devising and promoting programs for patient safety and patient empowerment.
- Developing and driving a constructive dialogue with all partners concerned with patient safety.
- Establishing systems for reporting and dealing with medical harm on a worldwide basis.
- Defining best practices in dealing with medical harm of all kinds and promoting those practices throughout the world.

In honor of those who have died, those left disabled, our loved ones today and the world's children yet to be born, we strive for excellence, so that all involved in healthcare are as safe as possible as soon as possible. This is our pledge of partnership.



**“Make no little plans; they
have no magic to stir
men’s blood”**

Daniel H. Burnham, Director of Works
World’s Columbian Exposition, 1893