

LONDON DECLARATION Patients for Patient Safety

WHO World Alliance for Patient Safety



We, Patients for Patient Safety, pledge to help create a world in which health care errors harm fewer people. We, gathered in London from 27-30 November 2005 to join together in partnership in an effort to reduce the massive burden of avoidable harm in health care. 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 with less harm in the developing as well as the developed world.

We are committed to spreading the word from person to person, town to town, country to country. There is a right to safe health care 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 health-care errors a basic human right that protects human life around the world.

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

- Devising and promoting programmes 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 health-care harm on a worldwide basis.
- Defining best practices that deal with health-care harm of all kinds and promote those practices throughout the world.

In honor of those who have died, those who have been left disabled and our loved ones today, we will strive for excellence, so that all people receiving health care are as safe as possible, as soon as possible. This is our pledge of partnership.

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