



# Patients' Voice

August 2023



## NEWS

### Patient Advocacy Leadership Collective (PALC) Launch



**Patient  
Advocacy  
Leadership  
Collective**

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WPA is proud to share a new resource developed in partnership with Pfizer and other advocacy leaders worldwide. The Patient Advocacy Leadership Collective (PALC) is an innovative hub that provides connectivity, community resources, and tools focused on sustainable capacity building for patient advocates globally. The PALC is an excellent platform with a focus on supporting the growth, development, and leadership of patient advocacy organizations and offers a NextGen Leadership, Mentorship, and Global Health Fellows program. This platform has been designed to support patient advocacy organizations around the world with evidence-based tools and resources that elevate our work in support of patient communities.

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**World Health  
Organization**

#### Public Consultation on WHO guidance for best practices for Clinical Trials

WHO has started conducting public consultation on WHO draft guidance for best practices for clinical trials. The guidance aims to provide support to Member States and non-State actors in strengthening clinical trial capabilities, infrastructures and ecosystems.

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#### WHO guideline on self-care interventions

WHO has released new guidance *WHO Consolidated Guideline on Self-Care Interventions for Health* which provides evidence-based recommendations on specific self-care interventions that can help to ensure quality health, patient engagement and well-being, and to promote and protect human rights.

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## Getting to Know the WPA Board of Directors

To help our Board Directors know each other a little better and understand why we give our time and talents freely to support and grow the World Patients Alliance, we will be featuring an interview with each Board Director over the next few issues. To read exclusive Q&As with her, click Meet Penney Cowan.



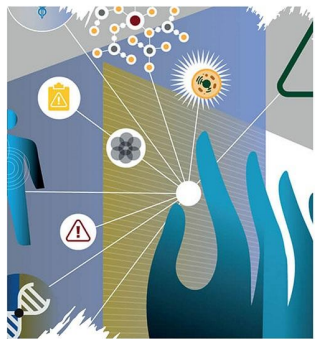
[Meet Penney Cowan](#)

#### Penney Cowan

Founding Director, Secretary WPA

**Penney** founded and is the former CEO of the American Chronic Pain Association (ACPA). Penney is a recognized speaker advocating a multi-disciplinary approach to pain management. She has been an outspoken advocate and consumer representative for pain issues, contributed to numerous books, videos and Websites. She is also Founding Director and Secretary of the World Patients Alliance since its inception in 2019. She has been a driving force in the success and growth of the World Patients Alliance working closely with our Board of Directors, and staff.

## Events



**Workshop on  
Patients Safety  
Diagnostic Errors**

July 18, 2023  
11 AM to 12 PM EST

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### Workshop on Patient Safety: Diagnostic Errors

WPA organized a workshop on diagnostic errors on Tuesday, 18th July, 2023 and invited leading healthcare providers and patient advocates to share their insights on the global burden of diagnostic errors and how these can be reduced by active patient engagement. Diagnostic error is the failure to establish an accurate and timely explanation of the patient's health problems or failure to communicate that explanation to the patient. The global burden of diagnostic errors is significant and has far-reaching implications for patients, healthcare systems, and society as a whole.

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### Workshop for Health: Today Young - Tomorrow Elder

WPA in collaboration with Patient Safety Foundation Poland organized a workshop for Health: Today Young - Tomorrow Elder at CLiPO – centrum leczenia i profilaktyki otyłości, Zgierz, Poland on Sunday, June 25, 2023. This event offered physical activities tailored to the individual needs of the participants in addition to the insights shared by the medical authorities on the topic of importance of healthy diet and physical activity.

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## Members' Corner

### Members' News

WPA has launched a campaign to promote and highlight the excellent work its member patient organizations are doing globally. Please [click here](#) to see members news all over the world.

- **Blood Drive by Children's Cancer Center Lebanon**
- **Sweet Friends Camp by FUVIDA**
- **Dementia Friend Session by Alzheimer's Pakistan**
- **March for Colon Cancer: Walkathon 2023 by SAID NGO Lebanon**

If you are interested in showcasing your event on WPA social media, website, and newsletter. Please [click here](#) to submit your event details.

## Members' Announcements

### Patients Day 8 October 2023



Arrhythmia Alliance is organizing Patients Day on 8 October 2023 sharing great learning about the latest developments in arrhythmias, syncope care and treatment options from leading medical experts. Patients Day provides the opportunity to hear the latest developments in arrhythmias (including AF), syncope care and treatment options, from leading medical experts.

For more information please visit  
<https://heartrhythmalliance.org/aa/uk/hrc2023-patients-day>



[Take the Survey](#)

### Global Research on the Impact of Dermatological Diseases (GRIDD) Study

By [GlobalSkin](#) | WPA Member Organization

Attention dermatology patients – WPA member organization GlobalSkin needs your help to collect data on the impact of living with dermatological conditions. The survey will only take 10 – 20 minutes of your time and will help to validate the very real and difficult challenges faced by dermatology patients globally.

## New Members

WPA is very pleased to welcome our new members, who have joined the organization in the last two months:

Member Organization	Country
Panhellenic Heart Disease Association	Greece
Associação Ação Avc	Brazil
Non Communicable Diseases Alliance Kenya	Kenya
Cyprus Federation Of Patients' Associations	Cyprus
National Organization Of Persons With Disabilities Of Serbia (Noois)	Serbia
FNAAF	France
Hope Qatar Centre For Special Needs	Qatar
Egyptian Thalassemia Association Eta	Egypt
Myeloma Euronet Romania	Romania
Brainstrust – The Brain Cancer People	United Kingdom
Global Healthy Living Foundation (Ghlf)	USA
Bhutan Kidney Foundation	Bhutan
Gist Cancer UK	United Kingdom

## World Patient Safety Day 2023



“Engaging Patients for Patient Safety” has been selected as the theme for World Patient Safety Day 2023. Evidence shows that when patients are treated as partners in their care, significant gains are made in safety, patient satisfaction, and health outcomes. Resolution WHA72.6 urges Members States “to put into place systems to support the active engagement, participation, and empowerment of patients, families, and communities in the delivery of safer health care”.

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## WPA Announcements

### WPA Asia Pacific Regional Meeting



We're pleased to announce that the registration is now open for the **WPA Asia Pacific Regional Meeting** which is being held from 04 - 05 November 2023 at Dubai, UAE. Join WPA for this **two-day hybrid regional event** that brings together leaders of patient organizations, leading patient advocates and other healthcare stakeholders from all around the world. WPA advocates for hundreds of millions of patients worldwide. The regional meeting will provide the opportunity to patients' community to come together for two days of interactive program. The Asia Pacific Regional Meeting will provide patients the platform to network, exchange information, share experiences, learn from each other, raise voice and advocate for patients cause at the regional level.

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### Webinar: What is Clinical Trial and Why Should I be Involved?



Clinical trials is a priority area for WPA as they are critical for driving medical progress, improving patient outcomes, and shaping the future of healthcare. They provide the foundation for evidence-based medicine, personalized treatments, and the development of innovative therapies that can positively impact the lives of patients worldwide. Join WPA Webinar on the clinical trial titled: "What is Clinical Trial and why should I be Involved?" on 05th September from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm (EST).

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## Workshop on Sustainability



## ISQua's 39th International Healthcare Conference

A banner for ISQua's 39th International Healthcare Conference in Seoul, 2023. The left side features the text 'SEOUL 2023 | 27th - 30th AUGUST' and 'COEX CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTER (COEX)'. The right side shows a cityscape with the Lotte World Tower. Text on the right states: 'Together with our partners, the Korean Society for Quality in Health Care (KoSQa), Health Insurance Review and Assessment Service (HIRA), and the Korea Institute for Healthcare Accreditation (KOIHA), ISQua is delighted to host our 39th International Conference in Seoul, Republic of Korea.' The ISQua logo is at the bottom right.

WPA partner ISQUA along with the Korean Society for Quality in Health Care (KoSQa), Health Insurance Review and Assessment Service (HIRA), and the Korea Institute for Healthcare Accreditation (KOIHA), will be organizing ISQUA's 39th International Conference in Seoul, Republic of Korea. Once a year, ISQua brings together over 1,500 key decision-makers from over 80 countries to share their expertise and knowledge in healthcare quality and safety improvement.

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## 5th Africa Regulatory Conference: Together for Patients - Transforming the Regulatory Ecosystem in Africa

A banner for the 5th Africa Regulatory Conference. The background shows hands clasped together. The text reads: '5th Africa Regulatory Conference: Together for patients - Transforming the regulatory ecosystem in Africa' and '12-15 September'. At the bottom, logos for IFPMA, leem, IPASA, KAP, ARED, and LIPA are displayed.

The International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Association (IFPMA), along with partner organizations, is organizing a 4-day virtual conference, on 12-15 September, that brings together key stakeholders, including patients, national regulatory authorities and pharmaceutical manufacturers, who are active in the regulatory field in Africa. The conference will focus on exploring future directions as the continent progresses towards the operationalization of the African Medicines Agency.

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**Congress dates**  
25-27  
October  
2023

**Pre-congress activities**  
23-24  
October  
2023



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46th World Hospital Congress



[www.worldhospitalcongress.org](http://www.worldhospitalcongress.org)

The International Hospital Federation in partnership with the Portuguese Consortium (APDH, APAH and APH) are pleased to invite you to the 46th World Hospital Congress. Join this global gathering of 1,500 healthcare leaders and executives to learn, exchange, and connect with peers to shape and advance healthcare management. Taking place in Lisbon, Portugal, from 25 to 27 October 2023.

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## Article



### Disparities in Care

By **Penney Cowan** | Founding Director WPA

A key component of the many of our efforts as well as our law makers is focused on health care; a problem that has been discussed in just about every circle and corner of society. No one will argue that the need to improve health care is paramount. Children, working poor, minorities, and women are at the top of the list when it comes to needing better access and higher quality of health care. The goal must be to provide *equal* health care for every man, woman, and child, no matter who they are.

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