World Patients Alliance

KENYA NAIROBI 7-8 NOV 2026

WPA 3RD WORLD PATIENTS CONFERENCE

FROM VOICE TO ACTION: PATIENTS SHAPING THE HEALTH SYSTEM



CONFERENCE AGENDA

07 Nov | Day 01 — Sessions — Room: Fedora 1-4

Global Patient Insight Group Meeting: Alzheimer's Disease and Dementias
By Invitation Only | Room: Opus 1 | *Supported by*: Bristol Myers Squibb — **07:00 am – 09:00 am**

WPA Members Council Meeting
(For WPA Members Only) — **09:30 am – 10:30 am**

Coffee Break — **10:30 am – 10:45 am**

Inauguration of the Conference — **10:45 am – 11:00 am**

Andrew Spiegel: Chair, WPA
Regina Kamoga: Conference Chair
Hussain Jafri: CEO, WPA

Session 1| From Passive Patients to Empowered Partners — **11:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Chair: **Łukasz Rokicki,** Carita Foundation
Moderator: **Elena Moya**, Spanish Patients Forum
Presentation: From Passive Patient to Patient Partner- a Patient Perspective
Speaker: **Anna Edwards,** The International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua)

Panelists: **Ravi Ram,** WHO CSO Commission
Derick Mitchell, Patient Focused Medicines Development (PFMD)
Partha Basu, International Agency for Research on Cancer (WHO)
Abigail Simon-Hart, The Bricon Foundation

Session 2| From Policy to People: Co-Creating UHC with Patients at the Center

12:00 pm – 01:00 pm

Chair: JS Arora, National Thalassemia Welfare Society
Moderator: Karla Ruiz De Castilla, Esperantra
Presentation: Universal Health Coverage: Turning Global Commitments into People-Centred Health Systems
Speaker: Irina Papieva, World Health Organization

Panelists: Chimwemwe Chamdimba, African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)
Joy Mugambi, World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA)
Catherine Karekezi, NCD Alliance Kenya (NCDAK)
Joan-Paula Bor-Malenya, Ministry of Health Kenya

Group Photo | Lunch Break **01:00 pm – 02:00 pm**

Session 3| From Individual Engagement to System Change: Strengthening Patient–Provider Collaboration

02:00 pm – 03:00 pm

Chair: Mary Amuyunzu-Nyamongo, NCD Alliance Kenya (NCDAK)
Moderator: Andrew Spiegel, World Patients Alliance (WPA)
Panelists: Eric David Ochieng, International Hospital Federation (IHF) | Avenue Healthcare, Kenya
Jacqueline W. Kitulu, World Medical Association (WMA)
Jose Luis Cobos Serrano, International Council of Nurses (ICN)
Robert Moss, International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP)
Lucie Laštíková, Pacienti IBD

Session 4| Patient Safety in Noncommunicable Diseases: Advancing Safe Care Across the Continuum

03:00 pm – 04:00 pm

Chair: Jolanta Bilinska, Patient Safety Foundation
Moderator: Helen Haskell, Chair, WPA Patient Safety & Quality Council
Presentation: Safe Care for Noncommunicable Diseases Across the Care Continuum
Speaker: Irina Papieva, World Health Organization

Panelists: Victor Gascon Moreno, Global Allergy and Airways Patient Platform
Mecciya Majrashi, Saudi Patient Safety Center
Partha Basu, International Agency for Research on Cancer (WHO)
Lydia Okutoyi, Kenyatta National Hospital

Session 5| From Commitment to Collaboration: Building Strategic Partnerships

04:00 pm – 04:30 pm

Andrzej Wojtyła, University of Kalisz
Jose Luis Cobos Serrano, International Council of Nurses (ICN)
Andrew Spiegel, World Patients Alliance (WPA)
Hussain Jafri, World Patients Alliance (WPA)

Coffee Break **04:30 pm**

Global Patient Insight Group Meeting: Cancers

By Invitation Only | Room: Opus 1 | *Supported by*: Bristol Myers Squibb **05:00 pm – 06:30 pm**

08 Nov | Day 02 Sessions Room: Fedora 1-4

Global Patient Insight Group Meeting: Sickle Cell Disease
By Invitation Only | Room: Opus 1 | *Supported by*: Bristol Myers Squibb **07:00 am – 09:00 am**

Session 6| From Awareness to Action: Empowering Patients for Everyday Self-Care
09:30 am – 10:30 am

Chair: **Meheshinder Singh,** Colorectal Cancer Survivorship Society Malaysia (CORUM)
Moderator: **Rida Viljoen,** South African Cystic Fibrosis Association
Presentation 1: **Self-Care:** Enabling Patients to Prevent, Manage, and Thrive
Speaker: **Manjulaa Narasimhan,** World Health Organization

Presentation 2: **Self-Care at the Forefront of Prevention:** Unlocking Health, Social and Economic Value
Speaker: **Greg Perry,** Global Self-Care Federation

Panelists: **Anas Nofal,** Axios International
Robert Moss, International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP)
Evah Amwayi, Global Self-Care Federation
Linda Reinstein, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization

Session 7| The Invisible Patient in the Age of AI and Digital Health: Who Is Being Left Behind?
10:30 am – 11:30 am

Chair: **Ibrahima Madougou Moubarak,** Niger League Fight Against Cancer
Moderator: **Nicole Sheahan,** Global Colon Cancer Association (GCCA)
Presentation: AI and Digital Transformation: Designing Healthcare with Patients
Speaker: **Ravi Ruparel,** Platform Worldwide

Panelists: **Jose Luis Cobos Serrano,** International Council of Nurses (ICN)
Emilia Demczur, Carita Foundation
Patricia Mondragón, Respirando con Valor
Megan Wanzo, Bristol Myers Squibb

Coffee Break **11:30 am – 12:00 pm**

Session 8| Patients at the Centre of Health Emergencies: Ensuring Continuity of Care in Crisis
12:00 pm – 01:00 pm

Chair: **Francisco Freyria,** Fundación Fomento de Desarrollo Teresa de Jesús I.A.P (FUTEJE)
Moderator: **Edmund Lau,** Psoriasis Association of Singapore
Presentation: **Health Emergencies in a Changing World:** Protecting Patients and Ensuring Continuity of Care in Crisis
Speaker: **Kai-Hsun HSIAO,** World Health Organization

Panelists: **Elvis Temfack,** Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC)
Bahati Kimonge Moseti, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
Hana Nimer, SAID NGO

Lunch **01:00 pm – 02:00 pm**

African Regional Meeting — Room: Fedora 1-4

Inauguration of the Regional Meeting
02:00 pm – 02:10 pm

Welcome Remarks: **Andrew Spiegel** (Board Chair WPA)
Opening Remarks: **Hussain Jafri** (CEO WPA)
Stage-Setting Remarks: **Regina Kamoga** (Board Director WPA)

Session 9| Patient Advocacy & Access Across Africa
02:10 pm – 03:30 pm

Presentation: **"From Voices to Influence:** Strengthening Patient Advocacy and Healthcare Access Across Africa"
Speaker: **Abigail Simon-Hart**, The Bricon Foundation

Panel Discussion: Strengthening Patient Advocacy and Transforming Healthcare Across Africa
Moderator: **Fatima Seedat,** The Uplift Project

Panelists: **Rebecca Tendai Penduka Chirenga,** Women in Communities (WICO)
Chimwemwe Chamdimba, African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)
David Nahamya, Uganda National Drug Authority

Session 10| Antimicrobial Resistance and Patient Engagement in Africa (Co-Creation Workshop)
03:30 pm – 05:00 pm

Lead co-facilitators:
Zakariya'u Dauda, National Youth Antimicrobial Resistance Campaign (NaYAMR)
Regina Kamoga, Board Director WPA

Tea | **End of Conference** | **05:30 pm**

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