



## 3rd World Patients Conference Nairobi|Kenya 7-8 Nov|2026



The **WPA** is proud to announce the **3rd World Patients Conference**, a landmark global gathering dedicated to strengthening the patient voice and advancing patient-centred healthcare worldwide. Building on the success of previous editions, the 3rd World Patients Conference 2026 will convene patients, patient advocates, healthcare leaders, policymakers, and global health stakeholders from around the world. The conference will provide a dynamic and collaborative platform for meaningful dialogue, knowledge exchange, and solution-driven discussions aimed at advancing patient-centred care.

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## Heart of Healthcare: Celebrating Our Nurses



The **WPA** is pleased to launch **Heart of Healthcare: Celebrating Our Nurses (Phase II)**. This campaign recognises nurses' contributions, raises awareness of the challenges they face, and supports system-level improvements that strengthen the nursing workforce. By reinforcing support for nurses, WPA aims to strengthen health systems and improve patient care worldwide. [Read More](#)

## WPA Board Chair Andrew Spiegel Named Among OncoDaily's "100 Most Influential CEOs in Oncology"



The **WPA** proudly announce **Andrew Spiegel, Esq., Chair of the WPA Board of Directors**, has been recognised by OncoDaily among its **"100 Most Influential CEOs in Oncology in 2025."** He is also the co-founder and Executive Director of the Global Colon Cancer Association (GCCA), where he has worked to strengthen patient advocacy and reduce gaps in colorectal cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment.

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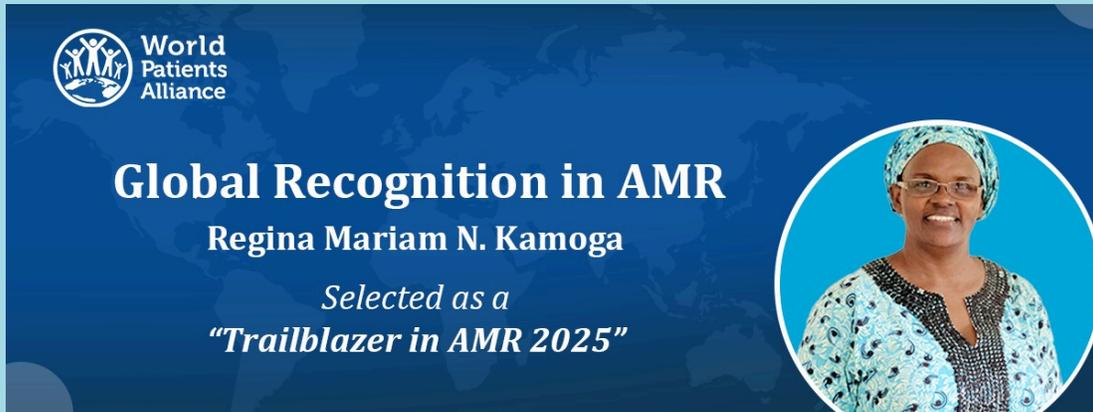
## WPA CEO Appointed Professor at University of Kalisz



The **WPA** is proud to announce **CEO Dr. Hussain Jafri** has been **appointed Professor at the University of Kalisz, Poland**. The Institute of Patient Safety Research marked the appointment and hosted his inaugural lecture on patient engagement, attended by students from medicine, nursing, and emergency medicine. WPA and the Institute also discussed a joint roadmap, including a planned training program for patient advocates and healthcare providers.

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## WPA Founding Board Director Regina Kamoga Recognised as a “Trailblazer in AMR 2025”



We are proud to announce **Regina Mariam N. Kamoga, Founding Board Director, WPA,** and Executive Director CHAIN, Uganda has been recognised as the “**Trailblazers in AMR 2025**” by the Fleming Initiative and CSIRO. The programme spotlights eight women from around the world who are advancing action on AMR across the One Health spectrum, including community driven leadership.

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## Council of Europe Grants WPA Observer Status on MEDICRIME and Organ Trafficking



The **WPA** has been granted **observer status** to the **Council of Europe's Committees of the Parties** for two major patient-safety instruments: the **MEDICRIME Convention** (counterfeit and falsified medical products) and the **Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs** (Santiago de Compostela Convention). As an observer, WPA can attend plenary meetings and bring the patient perspective into implementation, prevention, victim protection, and cross-border cooperation.

[Read More \(MEDICRIME | Organ Trafficking\)](#)

## EB158: WHO Executive Board



The WHO Executive Board's 158th session (EB158) took place from 2–7 February 2026 in Geneva, bringing together Member States to consider priorities and draft decisions that will move forward to the World Health Assembly. Discussions covered key health policy and governance issues with implications for patients, health systems, and access to quality care.

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## UN Adopts NCD and Mental Health Declaration



World leaders at the UN General Assembly adopted a new Political Declaration on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and the promotion of mental health and well-being on 15 December 2025. The declaration links NCDs and mental health in one integrated agenda and sets measurable targets toward 2030, including improved access to mental health care, better hypertension control, and reduced tobacco use. WPA welcomes the focus on equity, prevention, and multisectoral action, and stresses that impact will depend on real implementation and patient engagement.

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# COP30: Patients at the Centre of Climate Action



WPA welcomes the **COP30 Health Community Recommendations**, calling for climate action that protects patients and keeps patient organisations at the table. WPA stresses that progress must be measured in real outcomes, including continuity of care during climate shocks, reliable medicine supply chains, and protection for people living with chronic and complex conditions.

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## WPA Welcomes WHO World No Tobacco Day 2026 Theme and Calls for Patient-Led Action



WPA welcomes WHO's World No Tobacco Day 2026 theme, "Unmasking the appeal countering nicotine and tobacco addiction," highlighting how tobacco and nicotine companies are marketing newer products to attract young users. WHO reports growing use of tobacco and nicotine products among children and youth globally. WPA calls for stronger safeguards against industry tactics, tighter marketing rules, and better access to cessation support grounded in patient voice and lived experience. [Read More](#)

## Collaboration

World Patients Alliance (WPA)

Partnership with

Global Health Council

The Collective Voice of the Global Health Community



WPA is pleased to announce a formal partnership with the **Global Health Council (GHC)**, a leading USA based not for profit organization dedicated to convening stakeholders and advancing sound global health policies worldwide. This collaboration has been established through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), marking an important milestone in strengthening patient-centered advocacy and global health collaboration.

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## WPA Webinars



The poster features the WPA logo at the top left. The main text is centered on a dark blue background. To the right, there is a circular graphic with a blue and orange border, containing a 3D rendering of a green virus particle and a collection of colorful pills. At the bottom right, there is a QR code and the website URL.

  
World Patients Alliance

**Webinar:**  
**ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE**  
What Patients and Healthcare Providers Can Do

 18 February 2026  
 09:00 AM EST

 [worldpatientsalliance.org](https://worldpatientsalliance.org)

The **WPA** convened a global webinar to address antimicrobial resistance (**AMR**) as a rapidly escalating global health threat. The discussion reinforced that AMR is not a future risk, it is already affecting patients and health systems worldwide, with increasing resistance reported among critical pathogens, including through WHO's GLASS surveillance insights. Speakers highlighted the growing health and economic burden of resistant infections and positioned infection prevention as the most effective and immediate line of defence. [Read More](#)



The poster features the WPA logo at the top left. The main text is centered on a white background. To the right, there are two photographs of diverse groups of elderly people. At the bottom right, there is a QR code and the website URL.

  
World Patients Alliance

**Webinar:**  
**HEALTHY AGEING**  
*EMPOWERING PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES  
ACROSS THE LIFE COURSE*

 15 December 2025  
 08:00 AM (EST)

 [worldpatientsalliance.org](https://worldpatientsalliance.org)

**WPA** hosted a global webinar on **healthy ageing**, focusing on practical ways to support wellbeing across the life course and strengthen inclusive, age-friendly health systems. The session brought together experts and patient representatives to discuss global trends, challenges, and opportunities of ageing. [Read More](#)



Webinar

## COMBATING SUBSTANDARD AND FALSIFIED MEDICINES IN AFRICA

Strengthening Collaboration and Innovation to Combat Substandard and Falsified Medicines



[worldpatientsalliance.org](http://worldpatientsalliance.org)



22 October 2025



08:00 AM EST.

[fightthefakes.org](http://fightthefakes.org)



WPA, in collaboration with the **Fight the Fakes Alliance**, hosted a high-level webinar on **combating substandard and falsified medicines**, with a focus on strengthening surveillance and operational partnerships across stakeholders. The session convened patient advocates, regulators, and public health experts, and used AI-powered multilingual translation and audio interpretation to support broad participation. [Read More](#)



## Empowering Patient Advocacy with AI

Free 3-Part Training Webinar Series for Patient Organizations

Training Webinar Series:  
24 July • 24 September • 24 November 2025



The Empowering Patient Advocacy with AI training webinar series explored how artificial intelligence can strengthen patient advocacy and increase organizational impact. Session 3, held on 24 November 2025, focused on organizational readiness and the development of practical AI tools. A live demonstration showed how patient organisations can build a no-code chatbot using approved website and document sources, with safety guardrails to protect patient trust and reduce the risk of misinformation. [Read More](#)

# Getting to Know WPA Team



In this edition, we spotlight **Elena Moya**, newly elected WPA Advisory Board Member from Spain. A long-standing leader in global patient advocacy, Elena's journey into advocacy began in 2005 following a deeply personal tragedy that revealed the devastating speed and impact of meningitis and sepsis, and the urgent need for public awareness and prevention.

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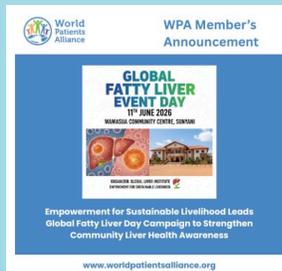
## Members' Announcements



**CMTC-OVM Hosts International Family Weekend to Support Families Affected by Vascular Malformations**

**Date:** May, 2025

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**Empowerment for Sustainable Livelihood Leads Global Fatty Liver Day Campaign to Strengthen Community Liver Health Awareness**

**Date:** May 2026

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**V Care Foundation Hosts Hues of Hope Holi Celebration to Support Patients and Caregivers in Treatment Housing**

**Date:** February, 2026

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## Members' News



**Dream Support Program: Financial Assistance for Personal Healing Dreams**

**Hosted by:** Tutti Cancer Warriors

**Date:** July 18, 2025

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# Announcements



**World Patients Alliance**

**Webinar:**  
**Equity and Access in Health**

*Healthcare Without Barriers:  
Fair Access for Every Patient.*

**REGISTER NOW**

 26 May 2026  
 08:00 AM (EST)



Equity and access are essential for safe, fair, people-centred care. Yet many patients still face financial, geographic, cultural, and system barriers that limit timely, quality treatment. The WPA Asia Pacific Region is hosting a webinar on equity and access in health, highlighting practical lessons on how patients and patient organisations drive progress across health systems.

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## Welcoming New WPA Members

Diabetes Kenya (Kenya)  
Association For Safety and Quality in Healthcare Facilities (Romania)  
Unidos Asociación Pro Trasplante De Médula Ósea "Francisco Casares Cortina" Ac (Mexico)  
Comprehensive Association For Psychological And Social Crisis Therapy (Capsct) (Egypt)  
Protecting Irish Patients Clg Ta Irish Patients Association (Ireland)  
Krishnan Family Foundation (USA)  
Lil' Brave One (Hrabrisa) (Serbia)  
Be The Match Mx A.C. (NMDP México) (Mexico)  
Asociación Mexicana Contra El Cáncer De Mama A.C. (Mexico)  
Hope Grows Together Dbá Hope Grows for Autism (USA)  
Cardiac Community Advocacy And Support Initiative (Nigeria)  
Trauma And Disaster Mental Health Studies Association (Travma Ve Afet Ruh Sağlığı Çalışmaları Derneği) (Turkey)

Liga Peruana De Lucha Contra El Cancer Filial Cajamarca (Peru)  
Fundación Paraguaya De Diabetes (Paraguay)  
Pink Tree Foundation (India)  
Engraced Life Foundation (Nigeria)  
South Asian Obesity Forum (Nepal)  
Fundación Un Gran Día (Argentina)  
Fucam, A.C. (Mexico)  
Hpv Cancers Alliance (USA)  
Manab Unnayan Kendra Muk (Bangladesh)  
Bame Health Collaborative (Uk)  
Associação Portuguesa De Melanoma - Liga Os Pontos (Portugal)  
Iniciativa Alas (Alianza De Asociaciones De Personas Con Inmunodeficiencias Primarias) (Mexico)  
Hereditary Angioedema Association - Hae Serbia (Serbia)  
Fundacion Pompe Club Internacional (Colombia)  
Tony Waite Organisation (Zimbabwe)

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