



WPA European Regional Meeting

1–2 November 2025 |Lisbon, Portugal



WPA will host its first European Regional Meeting in Lisbon this November. The regional meeting will provide the opportunity to patient's community from Europe to come together for two days of interactive programming designed to create tangible change through advocacy.

The theme of the meeting is Strengthening Patient-Centered Approaches to NCD Prevention, Early Detection, Policy, and Management through Innovation, Advocacy, and Empowerment in Europe. The meeting program includes sessions focused on patient leadership in global declarations, self-care strategies, early NCD detection, advocacy and policy reform, digital health solutions, safety in NCD care, and patient-centered approaches.

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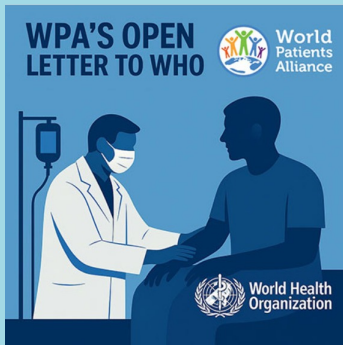
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World Health Assembly Concludes

The WPA welcomes the impactful outcomes of the **78th World Health Assembly**, recently concluded in Geneva, Switzerland. Under the theme “All for Health, Health for All,” global health leaders reaffirmed their commitment to universal health coverage, health equity, and meaningful civil society participation. [Read More](#)

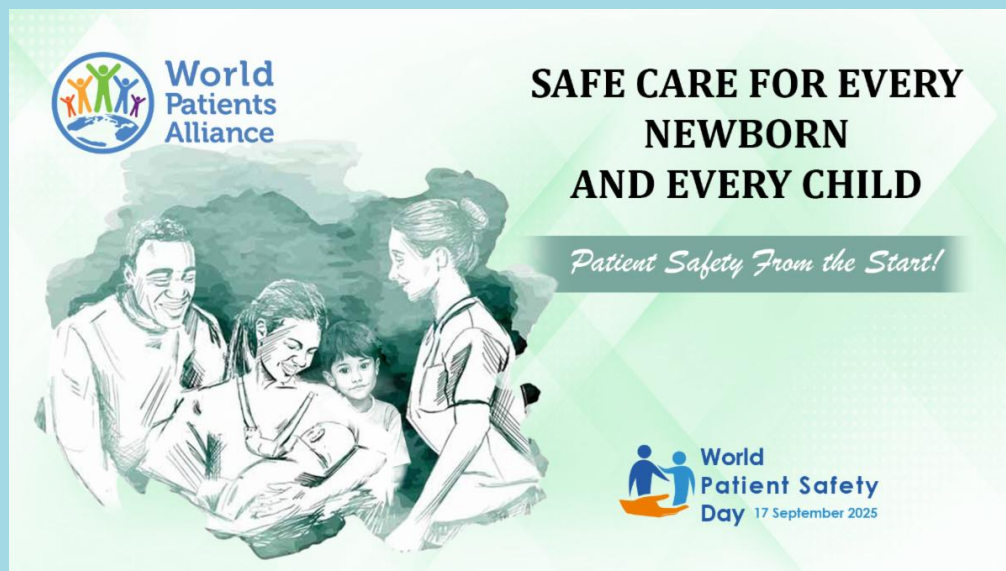
WPA's Open Letter to WHO



World Patients Alliance published an open letter to the Director General of World Health Organization, urging WHO to preserve and strengthen its patient safety initiatives. WPA emphasizes that patient safety underpins universal health coverage and calls on WHO to maintain funding for its Patient Safety Flagship and “Patients for Patient Safety” programs.

[Read the full letter](#)

World Patient Safety Day 2025: Patient Safety from the Start



WPA joins the WHO's global call to action for World Patient Safety Day 2025, set to be marked on **17 September** with the theme "**Safe care for every newborn and every child**" and the slogan "**Patient safety from the start!**" This year's theme highlights the urgent need to protect infants and children from preventable harm in healthcare especially in vulnerable settings such as neonatal and paediatric intensive care units.

Like every year, WPA will launch a massive global campaign to mobilize its members, partners, and stakeholders to raise awareness, share knowledge, and promote safer care practices for children across all health systems.

WPA at Patient Engagement Open Forum (PEOF) 2025

June 10–12, 2025 | Baveno, Italy



WPA participated in the 2025 Patient Engagement Open Forum (POEF) alongside over 200 global stakeholders. POEF is organized on yearly basis by PFMD, EUPATI and EPF. WPA participated in the forum and engaged with global experts on how to embed the patient voice more meaningfully into healthcare decision-making.

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WPA CEO Joins Faculty at University of Kalisz

June 16, 2025, | Kalisz, Poland



WPA CEO Dr. Hussain Jafri has joined the faculty of the University of Kalisz as Assistant Professor at the newly established Institute for Patient Safety Research. This appointment strengthens WPA's academic partnerships and commitment to advancing global patient safety. During his visit, Dr. Jafri delivered a lecture to the medical students and the faculty members on patient safety and co-chaired a high-level planning session to define the Institute's upcoming programs.

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Health Challenges Congress in Poland

13–14 March 2025 | Katowice, Poland



WPA joined over 3,000 participants at one of Central Europe's largest health forums. Sessions focused on patient rights, data privacy, and health system reform. WPA also met with industry stakeholders and contributed to high-level discussions on ethical transparency and digital access.

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Patient Future Conference

17–18 March 2025 | Stockholm, Sweden



WPA joined 100+ participants from 9 countries for this focused dialogue on NCDs, cancer, and public health strategy. The event featured WHO leadership, Karolinska Institutet experts, and sessions on digital outreach and disease prevention. Insights from this event will feed directly into WPA's Lisbon Regional Meeting.

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7th Global Ministerial Summit on Patient Safety April 3–4, 2025 | Manila, Philippines



WPA joined global health leaders at the 7th Ministerial Summit hosted by the Philippines. The event focused on patient safety in the context of climate change, technology, and sustainability. WPA CEO Hussain Jafri participated as panellist emphasized the role of patient organizations in climate action, awareness-building, and sustainable healthcare solutions.

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WPA Webinars



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Webinar Live Screening of Doctor Safety Flipbook

LEARN ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF PATIENT SAFETY AND HOW STORIES CAN TEACH US TO STAY HEALTHY AND STRONG

 **Date:** 4th of June
 **Time:** 12:30 (EST) 6:30 (South Africa Time)
 **Location:** World Patients Alliance Youtube Channel



Held during Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month, this creative session featured animated flipbooks designed to teach kids about patient safety and healthcare in fun, engaging ways.

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Working Together for Change

How Family Doctors and Patients Can Improve Mental Health

Webinar

MAY 19, 2025
8:00 AM EST 12:00 UTC

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WORLD FAMILY DOCTOR DAY.
MAY 19, 2025

Co-hosted with **WONCA**, this webinar explored how collaboration between family physicians and patients can improve mental health systems and outcomes globally.
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WPA ASIA PACIFIC REGION WEBINAR

PATIENT ADVOCACY
DRIVING CHANGE IN HEALTHCARE

23 April 2025
08:00 AM EDT

worldpatientsalliance.org

This regional webinar spotlighted evidence-based advocacy, cross-sector collaboration, and grassroots impact stories from patient leaders across Asia Pacific.
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Medical Errors in Europe

Breaking Barriers and Strengthening Reporting Systems

Webinar

20 March 2025
04:00 PM CET

worldpatientsalliance.org



WPA and EUPSF co-hosted a powerful discussion on reforming reporting systems, learning from patient harm, and advancing safety culture across European healthcare systems.

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Getting to Know the WPA Team



Meet Edmund Lau

In this edition, we spotlight Edmund Lau—an unwavering advocate for patient-centered care and a valued member of the WPA Advisory Board. From policy engagement to community-level outreach, his work bridges strategy with lived experience.

As someone living with chronic illness, Edmund has managed his psoriasis through biologic treatment, restoring both his quality of life and work capacity. His story and his self-coined identity as a '10x Productive Chronic Patient' offers motivation and practical hope for others navigating similar health journeys.

Collaborations

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WPA Partners with WONCA to Advance Primary Healthcare

WPA and the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA) have signed a

Memorandum of Understanding to promote patient-centered care through strong primary healthcare systems. The partnership will focus on advocating for patient centered health care systems [Read More](#)

WPA Signs Strategic Collaboration with Platform Worldwide



WPA has entered a partnership with Platform Worldwide, a UK-based digital engagement firm, to strengthen digital learning, social media strategy, and global outreach. The agreement includes support for multilingual content, webinars. Platform Worldwide will provide AI and social media training to the WPA member organizations.

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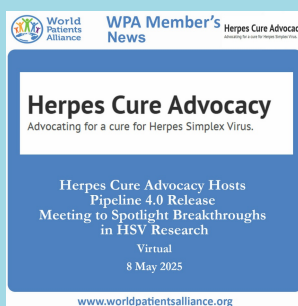
Members' News



[Engaging Patients to Enhance Patient Safety](#)

Hosted by: Nava Dristi Eye Hospital, Nepal

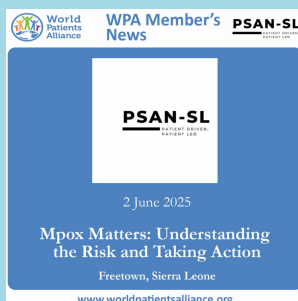
Date: April 24, 2025



[Herpes Cure Pipeline 4.0 Release Meeting](#)

Hosted by: Herpes Cure Advocacy, USA

Date: 8 May 2025



[Mpox Matters: Understanding the](#)

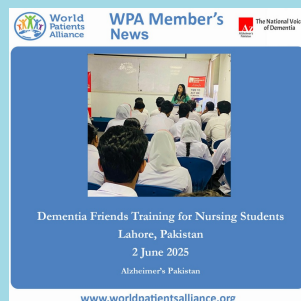
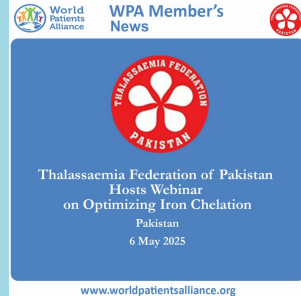
Hosted by: Patient Safety Action Network, Sierra Leone

Date: 2 June 2025

[Webinar: How to Optimize Iron](#)

Hosted by: Thalassaemia Federation of Pakistan

Date: 6 May 2025

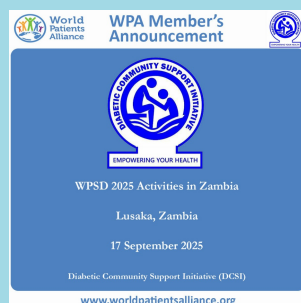


Dementia Friends Training for Nursing Students

Hosted by: Alzheimer's Pakistan

Date: 2 June 2025 | **Location:** New International College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Lahore

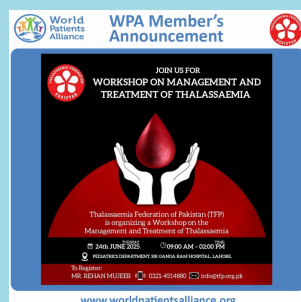
Member Announcement



WPSD 2025 Activities – Diabetes Awareness and Community Support

Organized by: Diabetic Community Support Initiative (DCSI), Zambia

Date: 17 September 2025



Workshop on Thalassaemia Management

Organized by: Thalassaemia Federation of Pakistan

Date: 24 June 2025 | **Location:** Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Lahore

Welcoming New WPA Members

- Stroke Action Rwanda (SAR)
- Myna Patient & Family Support Services
- Asociación Uruguaya de Mieloma Múltiple
- Pink Hearts Cancer Support Foundation
- The International Children's Advisory Network
- Fundación Los Fresnos
- Nava Dristi Eye Hospital Pvt Ltd
- DEBRA Malaysia
- Patient Safety Action Network-Sierra Leone (PSAN-SL)
- The Labalaba Foundation

- Rede Nacional De GESTÃO DO CONHECIMENTO
- The New Wash Burn Foundation (NWBF)
- African health volunteers for emergency response rescue and referrals partnerships
- PKU Family Society / Türkiye
- CDH International
- Social Welfare & Agricultural Development Organization
- Go for Health
- Carolina Zani Melanoma Foundation ETS

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