



# Patients' Voice

November 2024



## 2nd World Patients Conference



WPA's 2nd World Patients Conference took place on October 19-20, 2024, in Cape Town, South Africa, convening a global community of patients and healthcare stakeholders. This landmark event aimed to amplify the voice of patients through collaborative discussions and networking opportunities, allowing patient advocates and healthcare leaders to share insights on pressing health issues and advance patient-centered care worldwide. [Read more](#)

## World Patients Safety Day 2024 (WPSD)



WPA organized over 600 events through its member organizations to commemorate World Patient Safety Day (WPSD), making it the largest patient safety campaign globally. The theme for 2024, "Improving Diagnosis for Patient Safety," emphasized the critical importance of accurate and timely diagnoses in protecting patient health and safety. [Read More](#)

## World Patient Safety Day 2024: Global Consultation Highlights WPA's Commitment to Patient and Diagnostic Safety



Hussain Jafri, WPA presented at the World Patient Safety Day 2024 Global Consultation on "Improving Diagnostic Safety and Implementing the Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021-2030," held in Geneva from September 10-12, 2023. During the event, he emphasized WPA's role as the largest global organization uniting patient groups across all disease areas, advocating for patient safety, and addressing preventable safety incidents worldwide. [Read More](#)

# Patient Safety Story Books



In collaboration with Elsevier and the Elsevier Foundation, WPA has developed a series of children's books designed to raise awareness and educate young minds about patient safety. [Read More](#)

## Heart of Healthcare: Celebrating our Nurses



WPA's "Heart of Healthcare: Celebrating Our Nurses" campaign highlights the essential role of nurses and the challenges they face worldwide. It seeks to honor nurses through public recognition, advocate for improved working conditions, and promote policies to support their well-being. Additionally, the campaign encourages retention and recruitment by enhancing public perception and providing greater support for the nursing profession. [Read More](#)

## WPA Patient Videos

### How do you know you are getting the right diagnosis?



English Version



Spanish Version

## News

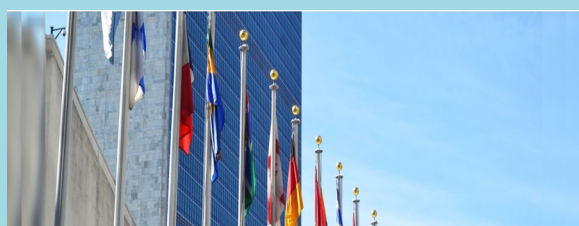


### Global statement supporting the WHO Pandemic Agreement:

On October 16, 2024, global parliamentarians gathered at the UNITE Global Summit in Berlin to endorse the WHO's Pandemic Agreement, underscoring their commitment to pandemic preparedness, equitable health access, and international cooperation. [Read More](#)



**Better use of vaccines could reduce antibiotic use by 2.5 billion doses annually:** A WHO report finds that vaccines for 23 pathogens could reduce antibiotic use by 22%, saving 2.5 billion doses and \$730 billion in healthcare costs, emphasizing vaccines' role in fighting antimicrobial resistance, responsible for nearly 5 million deaths annually. [Read More](#)



### World leaders commit to decisive action on antimicrobial resistance:

At the 79th UN General Assembly, world leaders pledged to cut AMR-related deaths by 10% by 2030, secure sustainable financing, and adopt a One Health approach uniting human, animal, and environmental health. [Read More](#)



**Boosting digital health can help prevent millions of deaths from noncommunicable diseases:** A WHO and ITU report reveals that a \$0.24 per patient annual investment in digital health could save over 2 million lives and prevent 7 million acute health events from noncommunicable diseases over the next decade. [Read More](#)

## Newly Elected WPA Advisory Board Members

We are pleased to introduce WPA's newly appointed Advisory Board members—esteemed leaders in patient advocacy and champions of the Patients' Voice. Their expertise and dedication make them invaluable additions to the WPA team, and we are grateful to have them join us in advancing our mission.



**Edmund Lau (Singapore)** is a psoriasis patient and currently serves as the General Secretary of the Psoriasis Association of Singapore. As a prominent advocate for individuals with chronic conditions, Edmund has been a powerful voice championing the rights and needs of people with psoriasis and other diseases on a global scale. [Read More](#)



**Yaser Davoudian (Iran)** is the director of the Rare Diseases Foundation of Iran, he has more than 10 years of experience in this position, during his presidency, many honors were brought to the Rare Disease Foundation of Iran, becoming a member of ECOSOC, consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. [Read More](#)



**Tom Norris (USA)** is a dedicated facilitator of chronic pain support groups that connect members across the United States. He has twenty-three years of experience in management at all levels in the United States Air Force before his medical retirement and thirty-seven years of lived experience with chronic pain. [Read More](#)



**Kagan Cavusoglu (Turkey)** is an organizational psychology specialist and the founding Secretary-General of Kırmızı Ribbon İstanbul. Throughout his career, he has experienced key roles in both the private sector and NGOs. [Read More](#)

## Member's 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.

- [Jen Ai Foundation organized "The 4th Walk for Patient Safety Event"](#)
- [MakeDeathsCount participated in the Science Summit 2024 at UNGA79](#)
- [PUI-PT Centre of Excellence for patient safety & quality hosted the 2nd International Symposium on Patient Safety and Quality](#)

If you want to showcase your event on WPA social media, website, and newsletter, please [click here](#) to submit your event details.

## WPA Participation at 2nd International Symposium on Patient Safety & Quality



**Edmund Lau**, a member of the WPA Advisory Board presented at the 2nd International Symposium on Patient Safety and Quality on 12 October 2024 in Surabaya, Indonesia. [Read More](#)

## WPA Participation at ISQua's 40th International Conference



**Arda Karapinaar**, a member of the WPA Euro steering committee member presented at ISQua's 40th International Conference held from 24-27 September 2024 in Istanbul. [Read More](#)

## WPA Announcements

A graphic for a webinar announcement. The background is yellow with a blue and orange map of Africa. The World Patients Alliance logo is in the top left. The text reads: 'Webinar A Dialogue on How to Spark Clinical Trial and Policy Engagement in Africa'. The date is '13 November 2024' and the time is '09:00 AM ET'. The website 'worldpatientsalliance.org' is at the bottom left. On the right, there are several hexagonal icons: 'Policy', a group of people with a medical cross, a microscope, and a stethoscope. The word 'Policy' is written in a white hexagon.

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Webinar

# Patient Safety Right Charter

Date & Time

5 December 2024

9 AM EST

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## Members' Announcements



### [CYSTIC FIBROSIS Golf Challenge](#)

Cystic Fibrosis Association, South Africa

12th of November 2024



### [Diabetes & Well-being: Innovative Strategies for a Healthier Tomorrow](#)

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12th of November 2024



### [Your Well-Being First: World Diabetes Day Screening & Advocacy](#)

DiaLeb

16th of November 2024

## Welcoming New WPA Members

WPA is very pleased to welcome our **83 new members**, who have joined the organization in the last three months:

- The E-Center for Women's Cancers & Maternal Health, South Africa
- Stroke Association of Kenya
- APN – Associação Portuguesa de Neuromusculares, Portugal
- Henzo Kenya
- Hope on Feet CBO, Kenya
- Stowelink Foundation, Kenya
- Bahrain society for SCD patients, Bahrain
- Instituto Camaleão, Brazil
- Kayula Childhood Cancer Foundation, Zambia
- Mission Society Care for the Infected and Affected with HIV/AIDS Network, South Africa
- Fundacion sicklemlia, Colombia
- Suomen sklerodermayhdistys ry, Finland
- Multiple Sclerosis South Africa
- Narcolepsy Africa Foundation, Kenya
- Tunisian Hemophilia Association, Tunisia
- Rare Diseases South Africa NPC
- Asociacion De Desordenes Del Ciclo Urea Y
- BMT Support Foundation, India
- Midlands Aids Caring Organisation, Zimbabwe
- Armenian Hematology Association, Armenia
- Epilepsy Support Association Uganda
- Global Alliance for Rheumatic and Congenital Hearts (Global ARCH), USA
- Stowelink Foundation, Kenya
- Federacion Ecuatoriana De Enfermedades Raras O Poco Frecuentes Ferpopf, Ecuador
- Uganda Child Cancer Foundation (UCCF)
- SENSAR, Spain
- Hope for Rare Foundation, China
- Diabetes South Africa
- Obi Ogonnia Sickle Cell Foundation, Nigeria
- Hypertrophic Olivary Degeneration Association
- EMUR Esclerosis Múltiple Uruguay
- Association Béninoise des Hémophiles ABH, Benin
- Empower India
- Psoriasis Association of Malaysia

- Enfermedades Metabolicas, Peru
- Eyomphakathi Foundation, South Africa
- Corporacion de Ayuda Al Nino Con Artritis Cronica Juvenil Anacroj, Chile
- Diabetes & Limb Salvage Foundation, Nigeria
- Hope for Kids Zimbabwe
- Asociacion Costarricense De Hipertension Pulnonar, Costa Rica
- Federacion Costarricense De Enfermedades Raras, Costa Rica
- FUNARP - Panamanian Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation, Panama
- Multiple Sclerosis Namibia (WO293)
- Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Society, India
- Foro Español de Pacientes, Spain
- Asociación Salvadoreña para la Prevención del Cáncer, El Salvador
- SCDP Community of Tanzania
- Association of Rheumatic Patients for Targeted Therapy, Hungary
- Community And Family Aid Foundation-Ghana
- Medindia4U Pvt Ltd, India
- Nile Health, Australia
- Cancer Survivors Association of Kenya
- THETA Uganda
- Cancer Care Egypt Foundation
- Rahma Foundation Algeria - RFA, Algeria
- National organization of users and survivors of Psychiatry in Rwanda (persons with psychosocial disability (NOUSPR), Rwanda
- Zivai Community Empowerment Trust - ZICET, Zimbabwe
- Gloria's Cancer Foundation, Nigeria
- Associazione Collagene VI Italia APS, Italy
- Sachin Sarcoma Society, India
- HAE South Africa
- Indonesia Oncology Nurses Association
- Rare Diseases South Africa
- South African Cystic Fibrosis Association
- كانسر فايترز لدعم مرضي السرطان, Egypt
- The South African Society of Ostomates
- Coloplast, South Africa
- Pakistan Society for Rehabilitation of Differently Abled (PSRD)
- Kenya Mended Hearts Patients Association
- Hossanah help Foundation, Nigeria
- National Fabry Disease Foundation, USA
- Rays of Hope Support Initiative(ROHSI), Nigeria
- Blue Circle Diabetes Foundation, India
- Children Cancer Hospital Egypt 57357
- Living Hope Trust, South Africa
- Mwana Trust (Child's Hope), Zimbabwe
- Goodly Heritage Initiative, Nigeria
- Tamil Nadu Consumer Protection and Environmental Research Centre (TNCPERC), India
- The Mariam Adeola Gbadebo (MAG) Foundation, Nigeria
- Associazione Diversamente ODV, Italy
- Mended Hearts Europe (legally registered as Mended Hearts Switzerland) Switzerland
- Ignite Sickle Cell Initiative, Nigeria
- Slovak Crohn Club, Slovakia
- Psoriasis Association of Ghana

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