



WPA European Regional Meeting | Lisbon, Portugal 1–2 November 2025 | Hybrid

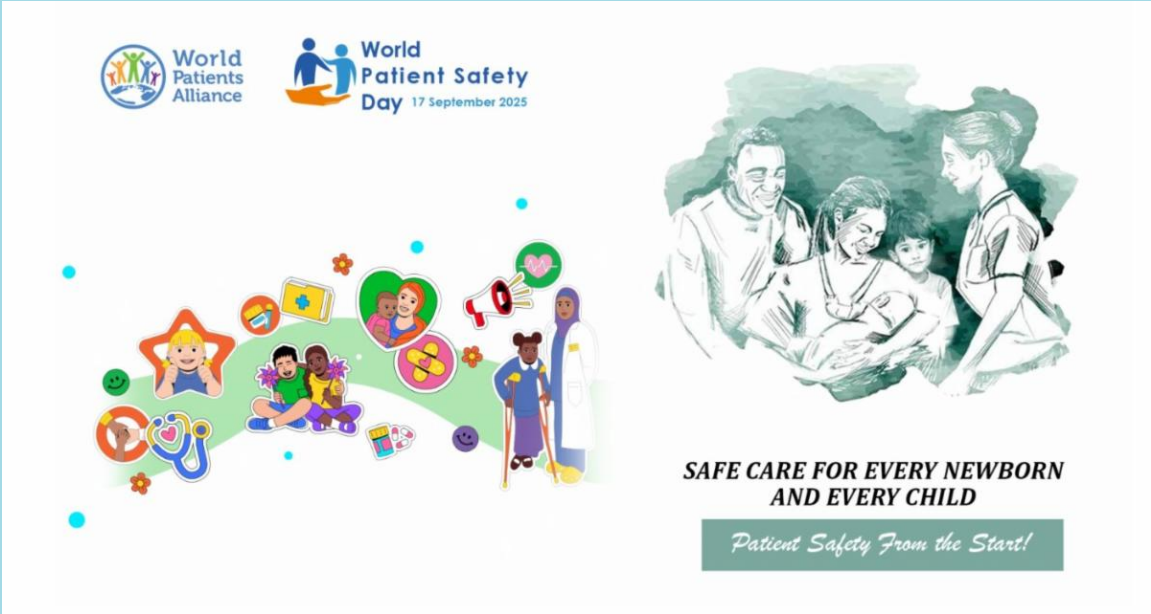


The countdown is on for the **WPA European Regional Meeting**, which will convene patient advocates, healthcare leaders, policymakers, and experts from across the continent to address urgent challenges in the prevention, management, and advocacy of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in Europe.

Through a dynamic two-day hybrid program of plenary sessions and interactive discussions, the meeting will explore the theme: "Strengthening Patient-Centred Approaches to NCD Prevention, Early Detection, Policy, and Management through Innovation, Advocacy, and Empowerment in Europe."

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UN HLM Declaration on NCD's



The UN **High-Level Declaration** on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health was presented for adoption at the UN in **September 2025**. However, it was not approved due to objections raised by the United States. The draft resolution will now be resubmitted to the UN **General Assembly** for consideration and approval.

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European Conference on Injury Prevention and Patient Safety



WPA Board Member **Jolanta Bilinska** represented the Alliance at the European Conference on Injury Prevention and Patient Safety held in **Heraklion, Greece (29 September–2 October 2025)**. She delivered remarks at the opening ceremony, chaired a session on patient safety, and engaged in key discussions with WHO Europe and other partners to strengthen collaboration in trauma care and patient safety.

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Patients' Voice at the Joint International Health Conference in Indonesia



The **World Patients Alliance** actively participated at the joint international health conference in Surabaya, **Indonesia**, emphasizing the importance of patient engagement in advancing global health and safety. The event brought together healthcare leaders, policymakers, and patient advocates to strengthen partnerships for safer, more inclusive healthcare systems.

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WPA at the National Cancer Congress Malaysia



The **World Patients Alliance** participated in the **National Cancer Congress Malaysia 2025**, highlighting the role of patient engagement in cancer care and policy. WPA's presence strengthened collaboration with national stakeholders and reinforced advocacy for patient-centered healthcare.

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Partners' Insight



Building a Healthier Future: Why Sustainability and Social Impact Matter for Patients



A piece written by:

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At Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS), sustainability goes hand in hand with patient care. By integrating patient voices into every decision, from clinical trials to community partnerships, BMS ensures that innovation serves both people and the planet.

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WPA Webinars



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, organized by the WPA, explored how artificial intelligence can strengthen patient advocacy and organizational impact.

Session 1: July 24, 2025

Session 1 introduced how AI supports patient organizations through data-driven insights, communication tools, and decision-making support, helping amplify patient voices globally.

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Session 2: September 24, 2025

Session 2 built on this foundation, showcasing practical applications of AI in advocacy. Speakers demonstrated how AI-powered solutions can enhance data analysis, strategic communication, and collaboration, empowering patient groups to operate more efficiently and effectively.

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This **Spanish-language hybrid event** held in Lima, Peru highlighted the many dimensions of **obesity beyond physical weight**, focusing on stigma, mental health, and cultural perceptions. Experts and patient leaders from Latin America shared insights on how to promote inclusive, rights-based approaches to obesity care.

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This webinar marked the global promotion of **WPA's Patient Safety Books for Children**, developed in collaboration with the **Elsevier Foundation**. Speakers discussed how storytelling can help children understand their rights in healthcare, promote safe care practices, and build a culture of safety from an early age.

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WPSD WEBINAR

Safe from the Start:

PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY IN INFANT AND CHILD CARE

 SEPTEMBER 9, 2025
 **8:00 AM - 9:30 AM (EST)**



**SAFE CARE FOR EVERY NEWBORN
AND EVERY CHILD**

Patient Safety From the Start!

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Organized as part of WPA's global activities for World Patient Safety Day 2025, this webinar explored how to ensure safe, high-quality care for every newborn and child. International experts and patient advocates discussed key safety challenges in paediatric healthcare and shared actionable strategies to protect children from preventable harm.

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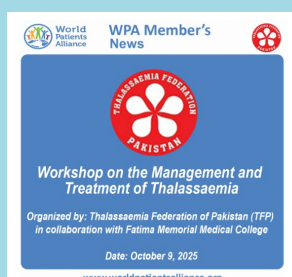
Getting to Know WPA Team



In this edition, we spotlight Dr. JS Arora | WPA Advisory Board member from India. A physician and lifelong advocate, Dr. J. S. Arora has dedicated over three decades to improving the lives of people with thalassemia and sickle cell anaemia. Founder of the National Thalassemia Welfare Society and several national patient groups, he continues to inspire change in policy and public awareness. Guided by passion, dedication, and patience, Dr. Arora's work stands as a testament to how committed individuals can turn compassion into lasting impact.

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Workshop on the Management and Treatment of Thalassaemia

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World Patient Safety Day 2025
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 Dreams**
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**COMBATING SUBSTANDARD AND
FALSIFIED MEDICINES IN AFRICA**

"Strengthening Collaboration and Innovation to Combat
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22 October 2025
08:00 AM EST.

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The World Patients Alliance (WPA), in collaboration with the Fight the Fakes Alliance, is pleased to announce webinar: "Combating Substandard and Falsified Medicines in Africa" This webinar will bring together key stakeholders from across the region and beyond to address one of the most pressing threats to patient safety substandard and falsified medicines. Participants will explore the scale of the challenge, examine innovative solutions, and highlight opportunities for stronger cooperation at both regional and global levels.

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Empowering Patient Advocacy with AI- is a free three-part webinar series Presented by the World Patients Alliance in collaboration with Platform Worldwide. Whether you're just beginning to explore AI or are ready to build your own tools, this final session will guide participants through how to build custom solutions for their communities using no-code platforms. It will explore how AI can support policy, media outreach, inclusive communication, and innovation while keeping ethics and equity at the center.

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