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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



It is my great honor, as Chair of the World Patients Alliance (WPA), to present the WPA Annual Report 2025, a testament to the remarkable progress and collective achievements we have made over the past year.

2025 has been a defining year of growth, collaboration, and impact for our Alliance. Today, WPA proudly represents 707 patient organizations across 138 countries, serving over one billion patients worldwide. This diverse and vibrant global network reflects the unity, resilience, and shared purpose that drive WPA's mission to empower patients everywhere.

Among the year's most notable milestones was the WPA European Regional Meeting, held under the theme "Empowering Patients, Transforming NCD Care in Europe." The event brought together leaders, experts, and patient advocates to shape the future of NCD care and strengthen patient engagement across the region.

Another major achievement was the world's largest World Patient Safety Day (WPSD) campaign, conducted in partnership with our member organizations. With 482 events worldwide, this initiative significantly elevated patient safety awareness and positively touched countless lives.

Our impactful webinar series continued to provide essential awareness, education, and capacity building for patient organizations globally. A key highlight of the year was the launch of the WPA Strategic Plan 2026–2030, charting a bold and forward-looking roadmap for the next phase of our work.

Innovative initiatives including the Doctor Safety Books and patient educational videos further demonstrated our ongoing commitment to advancing patient safety, empowerment, and health literacy.

This year also marked the establishment of new strategic partnerships with the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA), the Global Health Council, and Platform Worldwide, reinforcing our commitment to collaboration, innovation, and the advancement of global healthcare, while strengthening digital engagement and capacity-building for patient organizations worldwide.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the WPA Board of Directors, Advisory Board, committees, member organizations, and partners. Your leadership, passion, and unwavering commitment have been the driving force behind our achievements.

As we move into 2026, let us continue to lead with compassion, innovation, and purpose, building on our progress to create a more equitable, safer, and truly patient-centered world.

Warm Regards,
Andrew Spiegel, Esq.
Chair,
World Patients Alliance

WHO WE ARE



WPA is a US-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit and the world's largest umbrella patient organization, operating across all disease areas and spanning every region of the globe. The WPA provides a platform for patients, patient organizations and stakeholders from around the globe to empower and raise the patients' voice for the provision of and access to safe, quality and affordable healthcare.

WPA works to ensure patients have an active role to play in all the stages of healthcare including planning, provision, monitoring, research and evaluation of health services.

There are no fees for Patient Advocacy Organizations to become members, and our programs and initiatives are at no cost to our Patient Advocacy Organization members.

MISSION



Our mission is to be the global voice of patients working toward patient empowerment and engagement, improved access to safe innovative treatment and patient-centered healthcare throughout the world.

VISION



Our vision is that all patients will have access to safe, high-quality and affordable healthcare everywhere in the world.



WPA PRINCIPLES

-  **ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE:**
Every patient should have access to healthcare that includes timely, effective, affordable, optimal, and innovative treatments for their condition.
-  **PATIENT-CENTERED HEALTHCARE:**
Patients and healthcare providers must work in partnership to ensure the patient's individual specific health needs and desired health outcomes are the focus for all healthcare decisions including physical, emotional, psycho-social, and economic aspects.
-  **FINANCIAL HARDSHIP:**
Patients should have health coverage options that provide them with healthcare while protecting them from financial hardship.
-  **EMPOWERED PATIENTS:**
Patients should be supported and empowered to express their needs, concerns, and preferences and provided with the opportunity to have a voice in the decision making of their treatments.
-  **PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY:**
Patients should be provided with treatments that are safe, high quality and appropriately monitored.
-  **PATIENT EDUCATION AND INFORMATION:**
Stakeholders should ensure patients are educated in understandable and accessible ways about their condition and treatment options. They must be provided with information that is simple, relevant and comprehensive.
-  **PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION:**
Patients should partner and collaborate with all stakeholders for the provision and access to safe, quality, and affordable healthcare.
-  **PATIENT ENGAGEMENT:**
Patients should be supported and provided the opportunity to be engaged at all levels of decision making concerning their healthcare.
-  **NO DISCRIMINATION:**
Patients seeking care must not be discriminated against on the basis of age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, income, health status, education, geographic location, legal status or other similar factors.

OUR VALUES

Respect:

- ✓ Treating all patients with dignity and ensuring their rights are safeguarded at every level of healthcare.

Integrity:

- ✓ Promoting transparency, honesty, and ethical behavior in all relationships, both internally within WPA and externally with stakeholders, fostering trust in our work.

Inclusiveness:

- ✓ Ensuring all stakeholders, especially marginalized and underserved patient groups, are represented and heard, while recognizing the diversity within the global patient community.

Accountability:

- ✓ Holding ourselves accountable to our members and stakeholders by being transparent and committed to excellence in all our operations, while managing resources responsibly.

Collaboration:

- ✓ Establishing strategic partnerships across sectors to advance patient advocacy, influence policy changes, and expand healthcare access, ensuring lasting, positive impact for patients globally.

Equity:

- ✓ Promoting fairness in healthcare delivery by ensuring equitable access to services for all patients, regardless of their geographic, social, gender, economic, or cultural background.

Solidarity:

- ✓ Promoting unity and mutual support among patient organizations and individuals, strengthening the collective voice of patients worldwide.

Patient-Centeredness:

- ✓ Prioritizing the needs, preferences, and well-being of patients in all healthcare systems and policies, ensuring they are at the center of decision-making processes.

Transparency:

- ✓ Ensuring all organizational activities are conducted openly and clearly, with accountability for all decisions.

Accessibility:

- ✓ Ensuring that WPA's work is accessible to all its members and partners, overcoming barriers to participation and providing resources that are inclusive and easy to engage with.

Independence:

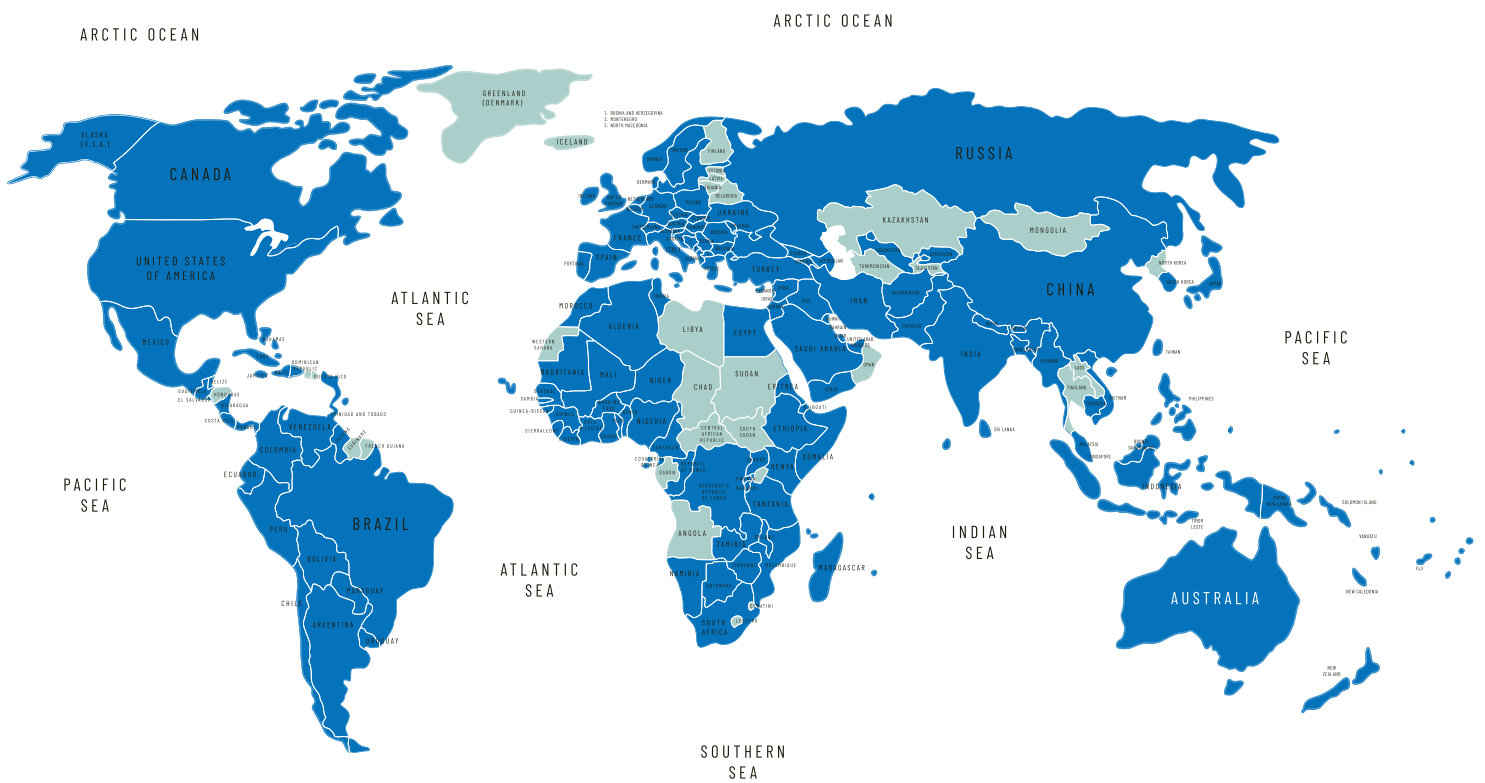
- ✓ Operating as an independent, patient-led organization free from external influences, ensuring that our strategic direction is set by our members and driven by the needs of patients.

Diversity:

- ✓ Recognizing and representing the diversity of WPA's membership, ensuring all patient voices are heard, regardless of cultural, linguistic, or economic differences.

MEMBERS MAP 2025

We are delighted to announce that WPA is the **largest international umbrella patient organization** that is working across all disease areas and in all regions of the world.



Total Global Members: 707 Countries: 138

Membership by Continent



The blue color shows countries with WPA member organizations.

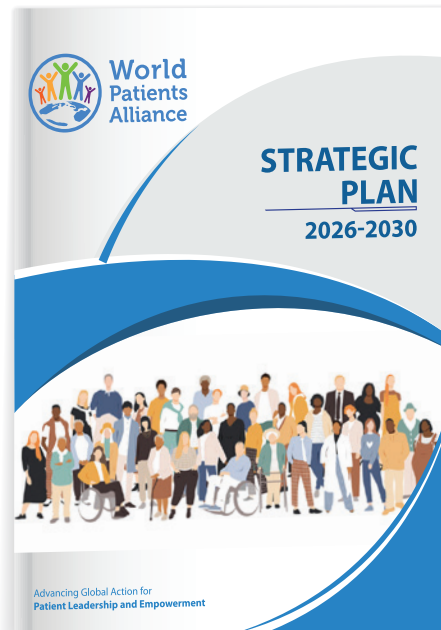
WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

WPA membership continued to grow steadily throughout 2025. During the year, WPA welcomed 51 new member organizations, further strengthening its global reach and diversity. WPA looks forward to working closely with these new members to advance patient-centered healthcare and to further position WPA as a strong, unified global voice for patients.

The new organizations that joined WPA in 2025 include:

Stroke Action Rwanda (SAR)	Estonian Patient Association with Primary Immuno deficiencies
Myna Patient & Family Support Services	Patient Empowerment Network
Asociación Uruguaya De Mieloma Múltiple	World Heart Federation
Pink Hearts Cancer Support Foundation	ONG (Association Santé Education Démocratie) ASSED
The International Children's Advisory Network	The Vitiligo Society
Fundación Los Fresnos	PID Care China
Nava Dristi Eye Hospital Pvt Ltd	DEBRA Canada
Debra Malaysia	Canadian Society for Mucopolysaccharide & Related Diseases Inc.
Patient Safety Action Network-Sierra Leone (PSAN-SL)	Alliance for Safe Biologic Medicines
Rede Nacional De Gestão Do Conhecimento	Global Health Council
The New Wash Burn Foundation (NWBF)	Accesscore
African Health Volunteers For Emergency Response Rescue And	South Asian IBD Alliance (SAIA)
Referrals Partnerships	V-Life Saver Foundation
Pku Family Society Türkiye	Meethi Zindagi
Cdh International	Fountain of Blessings for Nations (FOBNA)
Social Welfare & Agricultural Development Organization	Knowledge-based Society NGO
Go For Health	Canadian MPS Society
Carolina Zani Melanoma Foundation Ets	Axial Spondyloarthritis International Federation
The Labalaba Foundation	Women association for fighting breast cancer in Kosovo RENESANSA
Myeloma Support For Patient Empowerment Access And	Institut za gastroenterološke tumore (IGET)
Knowledge (MyeSPEAK)	Ostomy Association Uganda
Philippine Alliance Of Patient Organizations	Diabetes Kenya
Tutti Cancer Warriors	Association for Safety and Quality in Healthcare Facilities
Basic Foundation	Unidos...Asociación Pro Trasplante de Médula Ósea "Francisco
Lithuanian Cancer Patient Coalition (POLA)	Casares Cortina" AC
Twist Out Cancer	Comprehensive Association for Psychological and Social Crisis
Asociacion Retina Iberoamerica	Therapy (CAPSCT)
Qatar Cancer Society	

WPA Strategic Plan 2026-2030



In 2025, WPA launched its Strategic Plan for 2026–2030 during the WPA European Regional Meeting, outlining a clear and actionable roadmap to advance patient-centred healthcare globally and strengthen WPA’s impact over the next five years. The plan is rooted in the fundamental belief that patients must remain at the centre of all healthcare decisions and policies, and it provides a strategic framework to guide WPA’s work with members, partners, and stakeholders worldwide.

The Strategic Plan identifies six core priorities that will drive WPA’s efforts through 2030:

- Growing and engaging our global membership.
- Amplifying the patient voice.
- Building trusted relationships with health stakeholders.
- Developing high-impact programs.
- Strengthening regional networks.
- Ensuring financial and organizational sustainability.

The Plan also highlights strategic action areas including patient empowerment and education, advocacy and policy engagement, and global collaboration, with equity, transparency, and patient leadership at its core. By setting goals and practical steps, the Strategic Plan positions WPA to deliver meaningful results, expand its influence, and unify the global patient community in pursuit of accessible, safe, and high-quality healthcare for all.

For details, please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/wpa-strategic-plan-2026-2030/>

MEMBERS SURVEY 2025

WPA conducts an annual membership survey to stay responsive to evolving healthcare landscapes and patient needs. The survey helps us understand members' priorities, needs, challenges, and opportunities, and ensures our support is grounded in real-world community needs. The findings inform our programs, capacity-building, and advocacy, ensuring relevance, impact, and alignment of annual activities with what member organizations need most.

The results of the WPA Membership Survey 2025 demonstrated strong engagement, with an excellent response rate from our members who participated in the online survey.

THE KEY FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY

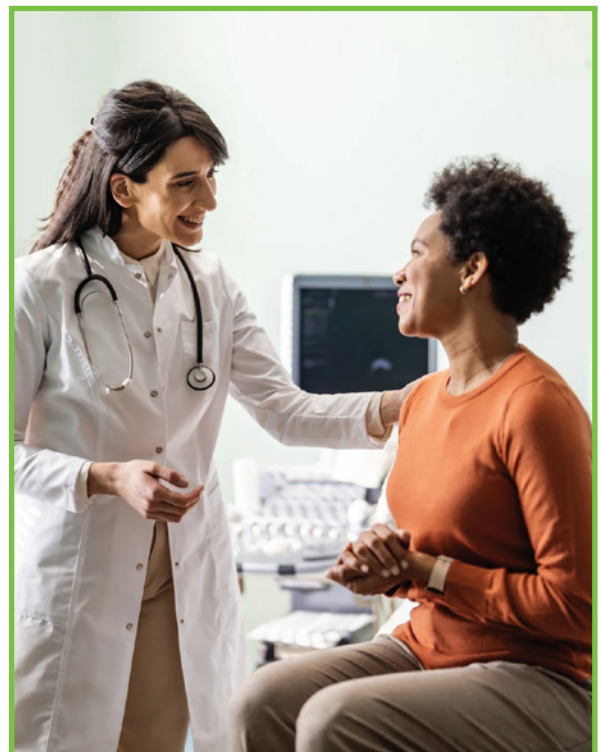
- **Global reach:** WPA member organizations collectively represent approximately over one billion **patients worldwide**.
- **Top priority areas and requests for WPA support:**
- **Awareness:** 99% identified this as a priority; 55% requested WPA support.
- **Advocacy:** 97% identified this as a priority; 62% requested WPA support.
- **Fundraising:** 93% identified this as a priority; 85% requested WPA support.
- **Access to healthcare:** 99% identified this as a priority; 74% requested WPA support.
- **Information for patients and families:** 97% identified this as a priority; 49% requested WPA support.
- **Patient education:** 100% identified this as a priority; 67% requested WPA support.
- **Education of healthcare providers:** 94% identified this as a priority; 71% requested WPA support.
- **Organizational capacity building:** 97% identified this as a priority; 82% requested WPA support.
- **Universal health coverage:** 91% identified this as a priority; 82% requested WPA support.

Key struggles reported by members

- **Funding constraints:** 83%
- **Advocacy and engagement with policymakers:** 54%

Key areas where members most seek WPA support

- **Fundraising:** 82%
- **Capacity building:** 56%
- **Advocacy and engagement with policymakers:** 54%





WPA European Regional Meeting

November 01-02, 2025, | Lisbon, Portugal

In November 2025, the WPA successfully convened its first European Regional Meeting in Lisbon, Portugal, under the theme: “Empowering Patients, Transforming NCD Care in Europe: Strengthening patient advocacy, expanding access to care and advancing policy engagement to improve NCD outcomes.”

The hybrid event brought together patient advocates, healthcare leaders, policymakers, and experts from across Europe to advance the role of patients in addressing the growing burden of NCDs and in shaping equitable, patient-centered healthcare systems.

The program was designed to align patient perspectives with global frameworks, including the UN High-Level Declaration on NCDs while fostering regional collaboration to drive systemic change.

Key Sessions & Highlights

- **UN High-Level Meeting Declaration:**

Focused on the role of patients in driving global declarations into local action. Participants discussed how the UN High-Level Declaration on NCDs and Mental Health could provide a unique window for patient organizations to influence national implementation strategies.

- **Patient-Centered Care in NCDs:**

The session highlighted a transformative shift from paternalistic healthcare models to active partnerships among patients, families, and healthcare professionals. Healthcare organizations were encouraged to embed the





patient voice “from the boardroom to the bedside,” ensuring that patients are partners in service design and governance from the outset.

- **Self-Care for Physical and Mental Wellbeing:**

Featured insights from the WHO on scaling up self-care interventions. The session framed self-care as a fundamental first line of action that empowers patients and increases health system sustainability.

- **Patient Safety in NCD Management:**

Addressed the critical challenge of avoidable harm. A major milestone of the meeting was the formal launch of the Institute for Patient Safety & Research at the University of Kalisz in Poland, a step forward in evidence-based, patient-led safety innovation.

- **Prevention and Early Detection of NCDs in Europe:**

This session highlighted the gap between medical knowledge and the implementation of prevention and early detection programs, noting that despite NCDs causing 90% of deaths in Europe, prevention remains

under-prioritized compared to treatment.

- **E-Health, Telemedicine and AI in NCD Management:**

Examined how “data is becoming care.” The session showcased digital tools and AI that empower patients, while stressing that technology must be inclusive and co-designed with patients to prevent digital inequalities.

- **Policy and Advocacy for NCDs:**

This session provided a practical roadmap for advocacy. It emphasized the need for evidence-backed storytelling and strategic engagement with bodies like the European Commission and national governments to influence health policy.

Conclusion

The meeting underscored the essential role of patients as active partners in shaping healthcare systems. By uniting diverse organizations across diagnoses and borders, the WPA European Regional Meeting strengthened the collective voice of European patients, ensuring they are not just “at the table” but leading the transformation toward safer, more equitable care.

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For details, please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/wpa-european-regional-meeting/>



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

Patient Safety From the Start!

World Patient Safety Day 2025

WPA ORGANIZED THE LARGEST WPSD CAMPAIGN

World Patient Safety Day (WPSD) is a WHO recognized global day observed annually on 17 September, uniting all healthcare stakeholders worldwide to advance patient safety. WPSD aims to raise public awareness, strengthen engagement, deepen global understanding, and mobilize collective action to improve patient safety across health systems.

The theme for WPSD 2025, **“Safe care for every newborn and every child,”** accompanied by the slogan **“Patient safety from the start!”**, highlighted the critical importance of protecting the youngest and most vulnerable patients. It underscored the urgent need to eliminate preventable harm in neonatal and paediatric healthcare settings and to ensure that safety is prioritized from the very beginning of life.

WPA called on all stakeholders including policymakers, healthcare providers, patient organizations, and families to support this global initiative. By prioritizing child-centred safety, we can save lives, improve lifelong health outcomes, and strengthen trust in healthcare systems. The campaign advocated for stronger clinical safety standards, enhanced training for healthcare workers, and more effective systems for reporting, learning, and engaging families as active partners in care.

In 2025, WPA led one of the world’s largest WPSD campaigns, with member organizations hosting more than 482 events worldwide. These activities were delivered by patient safety champions and advocates across their countries. Members marked WPSD 2025 through conferences, seminars, awareness walks, training sessions, community outreach, and patient engagement initiatives focused on preventing harm in paediatric and neonatal care. WPA also provided WPSD 2025 grants to support member-led initiatives, amplify patient voices, and advance our shared mission to safeguard young patients and improve healthcare quality globally.

The WPSD 2025 campaign was supported in part by Roche.

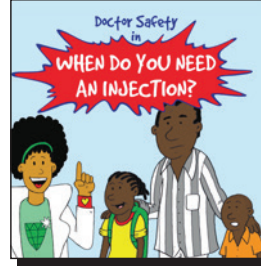
WPSD GLOBAL CAMPAIGN

THEME: Safe care for every newborn and every child

Across the globe, WPA member organizations led a wide range of initiatives to educate communities and engage healthcare stakeholders, with a strong focus on improving safety in paediatric and neonatal healthcare.



DOCTOR SAFETY BOOKS



In collaboration with the Elsevier Foundation, WPA developed and launched the Doctor Safety Books, an initiative designed to strengthen health literacy and patient safety awareness from an early age.

The programme teaches children aged 6–12 essential health and safety concepts through storytelling, making learning engaging and memorable. WPA produced five illustrated, story-driven books that present key patient safety principles in an age-appropriate way, helping children understand health, safety, communication with healthcare providers, and safe behaviors.

The books are freely available online in multiple formats, including printable, audio, and flipbook/video versions, to support broad accessibility. They are currently available in several languages, including English, Spanish, Portuguese, Hindi, Chinese, Greek, Polish, Indonesian, and Khmer, with additional translations planned to expand global reach.

To maximize impact, WPA promoted the series through webinars, school and community reading sessions, and partnerships with educators, families, and healthcare professionals. This initiative aligns with the 2025 World Patient Safety Day theme, “Safe care for every newborn and every child,” and reinforces the importance of building lifelong safety awareness from childhood.

By equipping young learners with practical knowledge about safe care, WPA continues to advance early education as a driver of long-term patient safety and supports children to become confident advocates for safety in healthcare settings.



PATIENT EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS

In 2025, the WPA proudly developed a series of Patient Educational Videos designed to empower patients, caregivers, and advocates worldwide. These videos address a range of critical topics, highlighting WPA's commitment to enhancing patient knowledge and fostering a more informed and engaged global patient community.

WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS AS A PATIENT

As part of its ongoing commitment to strengthening patient empowerment and promoting patient-centred healthcare, WPA released an educational video on Patient Rights to empower patients, caregivers, and advocates with essential knowledge to navigate healthcare systems confidently. The video promotes dignity, respect, and informed decision-making by outlining key rights, including access to safe and quality care, non-discrimination, informed consent, privacy, and active participation in healthcare decisions. This initiative supports stronger patient engagement and advances more patient-centred health systems worldwide.



Check out the video for essential insights: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zikNjb27gLY>

Children Are Not Little Adults, Understanding Patient Safety in Pediatric Care



As part of WPA's World Patient Safety Day Campaign, WPA developed an educational video dedicated to pediatric patient safety. This resource emphasizes the importance of providing age-appropriate healthcare, recognizing when a child's illness may be serious, and empowering parents and caregivers with practical steps to protect children's health and well-being.

Through this initiative, WPA continues to strengthen global awareness of pediatric safety and advance safer, more responsive healthcare systems for every child.

Check out the video for essential insights: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_SHwcGz2RI

WPA EVENTS

Conference: Obesity – An Epidemic of the 21st Century



On February 9, 2025, WPA in collaboration with the Patients Safety Foundation Poland organized a conference in Łódź, Poland on Obesity An Epidemic of the 21st Century, highlighting its growing impact in Europe. The event brought together healthcare professionals, patient representatives, and advocates to share knowledge on medical, psychological, and lifestyle approaches to obesity management, including practical strategies for controlling food urges, promoting healthy diets, and encouraging active living.

The conference also emphasized the importance of patient advocacy and awareness initiatives, such as showcasing WPA's role in advancing patient rights globally. Interactive sessions at the conference reinforced the significance of preventive care, healthy nutrition, and physical activity, while collaborative discussions underscored the need for integrated, multi-stakeholder efforts to combat obesity and support patient well-being.



For details, please visit:
<https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/all-events/obesity-an-epidemic-of-the-21st-century/>

Beyond Weight: Obesity is Viewed in Different Ways



On August 9, 2025, WPA collaborated with Esperantra to host a hybrid event “Beyond Weight: Obesity is Viewed in Different Ways.” This hybrid event was held in Lima, Peru, ensuring worldwide virtual participation. Demonstrating WPA's commitment to accessible global dialogue, the event successfully leveraged AI-powered translation, enabling real-time interpretation in over 52 languages. The main aim of the event was to strategically address obesity as a complex chronic health condition, aiming to dispel prevalent myths, counter pervasive misinformation, and actively reduce the significant social stigma associated with

the disease. The event served as a critical platform to advocate for a more nuanced, respectful, and clinically accurate public and healthcare understanding of obesity.

For details, please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/all-events/mas-ala-del-peso-la-obesidad-se-ve-de-diferentes-maneras/>

WEBINAR

The Promise of Personalized Medicine

29 January, 2025



Webinar:

The Promise of Personalized Medicine

29 Jan 2025 09:00 AM EST

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From Testing to Targeted Treatments

WPA, in collaboration with From Testing to Targeted Treatments (FT3), convened the global webinar “The Promise of Personalized Medicine” to explore how precision-based approaches are transforming healthcare and what is needed to ensure equitable access worldwide. The discussion brought together patients, advocates, clinicians, global health leaders, and nonprofit and industry experts to examine advances such as biomarkers, targeted therapies, and AI-driven diagnostics, while also addressing barriers including limited infrastructure, affordability, and awareness, particularly in low- and middle-income countries.

The webinar identified key priorities for action: educating patients and caregivers, strengthening advocacy to influence policy, and fostering cross-sector collaboration to improve access to biomarker testing and targeted treatments. Speakers underscored the vital role of patient organizations in raising awareness, supporting informed decision-making, and shaping policies that integrate personalized medicine into health systems. Through examples of advocacy initiatives and community-based education, the webinar reaffirmed WPA’s commitment to advancing patient-centered, equitable healthcare and making the promise of personalized medicine a reality for all.



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For details, please visit:

<https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/all-events/the-promise-of-personalized-medicine/>

WEBINAR

Medical Errors in Europe: Breaking Barriers and Strengthening Reporting Systems | 20 March, 2025



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WPA in collaboration with the European Patient Safety Foundation (EUPSF), convened a landmark webinar bringing together patient advocates, healthcare professionals, and policymakers from across Europe to address the pressing challenge of medical errors. The session highlighted the scale and impact of safety failures affecting 1 in 10 hospitalizations and consuming 15% of hospital expenditures, while emphasizing the importance of integrating patient-reported outcomes to rebuild trust. Expert presentations and the panel discussion showcased innovative approaches, including Norway's non-punitive safety culture, the Swiss Cheese Model, which emphasizes that errors arise from systemic failures rather than individual mistakes, alongside the shift from failure-focused approaches to success-oriented healthcare frameworks.

Key takeaways emphasized empowering patients and caregivers with knowledge about safety reporting, advocating for transparent, non-punitive policies across all care settings, and fostering strong collaboration between patient organizations, healthcare professionals, and policymakers. Speakers underscored the need for sustainable funding, structural reforms, and cultural change to ensure safety initiatives are effective and long-lasting. By showcasing international best practices and patient-centered solutions, the webinar demonstrated how collective responsibility can transform healthcare safety. The session concluded with a compelling call to action: **investing in patient safety is not only an ethical imperative but a cornerstone for resilient, trustworthy, and accountable healthcare systems worldwide.**

For details, please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/allevents/medical-errors-in-europe-breaking-barriers-and-strengthening-reporting-systems/>

WEBINAR

Patient Advocacy: Driving Change in Healthcare | 23 April, 2025



The WPA Asia Pacific Region convened a dynamic webinar bringing together patient advocates, healthcare leaders, and policy influencers from across the region to explore the fundamentals and impact of patient advocacy. The session highlighted successful advocacy models, emphasizing the critical role of evidence-based approaches, community engagement, and collaboration with policymakers and healthcare providers. Presentations featured diverse perspectives, including the TAQA and 4Es models from Singapore, structured advocacy planning from Saudi Arabia, and the legal recognition of thalassemia patients in India. By sharing real-world case studies, speakers demonstrated how patient voices can shape policy, improve healthcare access, and drive systemic change.

Key takeaways included the importance of training patient advocates in data collection, policy engagement, and communication skills; leveraging evidence to strengthen advocacy campaigns; fostering cross-sector collaboration; and developing long-term strategies to sustain impact. The session underscored that patient advocacy is not a one-time effort but a continuous journey requiring perseverance, strategic planning, and collective learning. By showcasing practical models and inspiring stories from the Asia Pacific region, the webinar reinforced the transformative power of patient voices. The event concluded with a clear message: empowering patients is the catalyst for building resilient, equitable, and patient-centered healthcare systems across the region and beyond.



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WEBINAR

Working Together for Change: How Family Doctors and Patients Can Improve Mental Health | 19 May, 2025



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WPA, in collaboration with the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA), hosted a landmark webinar on World Family Doctor Day, bringing together patient advocates, family doctors, policy leaders, and mental health experts from around the globe. The session highlighted the critical role of primary care in addressing mental health challenges, emphasizing patient-centered approaches and culturally sensitive care. Speakers shared diverse perspectives, including community-level insights from South Africa, evidence-based training models from the WONCA MDD Minds project, and global policy priorities. Key themes included reducing stigma, strengthening doctor-patient trust, leveraging structured screening tools like PHQ-9, and integrating non-drug interventions such as mindfulness into routine care.

The webinar underscored practical strategies for empowering patients and strengthening health systems, including training primary care teams, fostering community partnerships, and promoting education and mental health literacy. Panel discussion highlighted the importance of open dialogue, family involvement, and sustainable referral networks to improve outcomes in under-resourced settings. By combining evidence, lived experiences, and collaborative models, the session provided actionable insights for advancing mental health care at both local and policy levels. **The webinar concluded with a clear message: embedding patient voices in primary care is essential to building resilient, compassionate, and globally inclusive mental health systems.**




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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For details, please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/allevnts/working-together-for-change-how-family-doctors-and-patients-can-improve-mental-health/>

WEBINAR

Doctor Safety Flipbooks 04 June, 2025

WPA in partnership with the Elsevier Foundation and the South African Cystic Fibrosis Association (SACFA), hosted a global webinar celebrating the launch of the Doctor Safety Flipbooks, a child-friendly educational tool designed to promote patient safety from an early age. Speakers highlighted the value of storytelling as a pedagogical tool, emphasizing empathy, inclusion, and safety as core principles. Presentations showcased the creation process, from conceptualization by SACFA to global handover, and demonstrated how the flipbooks complement existing patient safety storybooks available in multiple languages. Through engaging animations and relatable characters such as Doctor Safety, the project illustrated essential health habits, including handwashing, honesty, and adherence to safety guidelines, while fostering early awareness of safe care practices.



Key takeaways emphasized the importance of empowering children and communities with practical knowledge to build a culture of prevention and safety. Translating and disseminating the flipbooks widely ensures accessibility for diverse linguistic and cultural contexts, reinforcing the role of creative collaboration in advancing global health literacy. Participants were encouraged to leverage these resources in schools, clinics, and community programs, highlighting the broader potential for advocacy-driven education initiatives. By combining creative storytelling, patient empowerment, and scalable educational tools, the webinar demonstrated how small, innovative interventions can yield lasting impact. **The session concluded with a clear message: inspiring children with knowledge, empathy, and safety awareness today builds a generation capable of shaping safer, more informed healthcare systems worldwide.**



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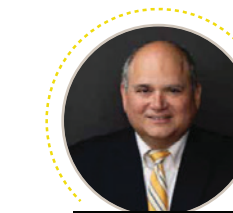
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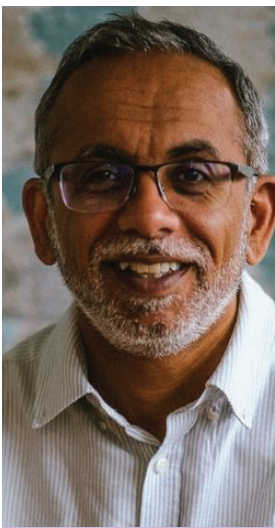


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For details, please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/allevents/live-screening-doctor-safety-flipbooks-a-storytelling-event-for-children-and-families/>

WEBINAR

Empowering Patient Advocacy with AI Webinar Session 1 | 24 July, 2025



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WPA launched the Empowering Patient Advocacy with AI webinar series, in collaboration with Platform Worldwide, to introduce the patient advocacy community to the transformative potential of artificial intelligence. The first session emphasized WPA's commitment to digital innovation and the importance of equipping patient organizations with practical, ethical, and accessible technological tools.

Speakers provided an overview of AI, including generative and agentic systems, and demonstrated how AI can simplify complex medical information, automate communication, and support patient education and caregiving. Practical applications were showcased, including AI-powered chatbots, translation platforms, and content-generation tools, addressing accessibility gaps, language barriers, and resource constraints.

The webinar reinforced the role of AI as a practical tool for enhancing advocacy operations, improving access to health information, and strengthening patient-centered communication across WPA's global network.

For details, please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/all-events/empowering-patient-advocacy-with-ai-webinar-1-24-july-2025/>

WEBINAR

Patient Safety Books for Children 28 August, 2025



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WPA in collaboration with the Elsevier Foundation, convened a focused global webinar to introduce the Doctor Safety Books series, an innovative educational initiative designed to instill core patient safety concepts at an early age. The session explored how simple, story-based learning can build lifelong safety habits. Speakers highlighted the importance of introducing patient safety in everyday settings such as homes, schools, and clinics, using relatable characters and practical scenarios. Participants were guided through the “Doctor Safety” universe, explored key design principles behind the books, and experienced a live demonstration of the audio versions of the books.

The webinar underscored clear, actionable takeaways for scaling child-focused patient safety education. Practical guidance was shared on integrating the books into school health lessons, pediatric clinics, vaccination days, and community programs, particularly in settings where literacy or time constraints are barriers. The introduction of audio formats, printable flipbooks, and culturally adaptable content reinforced the need for inclusive design to maximize reach and equity. Panel discussion emphasized the importance of measuring impact through simple engagement metrics and feedback from children, parents, and teachers, while encouraging partners to localize materials without compromising core safety messages. By empowering patient groups and educators with ready-to-use tools, the initiative strengthens early health literacy, supports safer behaviors, and reinforces patient-centered values from childhood onward. By starting patient safety education early, WPA is helping shape a generation that is informed, confident, and empowered to participate actively in safer, more patient-centered healthcare systems worldwide.



For details, please visit:

<https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/allevents/webinar-patient-safety-books-for-children/>

WEBINAR

“Safe from the Start”: Patient Safety and Quality in Infant and Child | 9 September, 2025



WPA convened a global World Patient Safety Day 2025 webinar on “Safe from the start: Patient Safety and Quality in Infant and Child Care” to spotlight critical risks in neonatal and paediatric care and identify practical solutions to prevent harm. Bringing together a WHO representative, patient advocates, caregivers, clinicians, global experts, and health system leaders, the session emphasized patient safety as both a systems responsibility and a fundamental right from the very start of life.

Speakers highlighted critical safety challenges in infant and child healthcare while emphasizing actionable strategies to reduce avoidable harm.

The discussions delivered clear, practice-oriented insights for strengthening child and newborn safety. Presenters highlighted evidence showing that improved quality of care could save up to one million newborn lives, reinforcing the urgency of adopting WHO-aligned safety goals adapted to local contexts. Tools such as structured team huddles, situational awareness checks, and reliable medication-safety processes demonstrated how frontline teams can reduce preventable harm. Powerful lived-experience testimony underscored the consequences of missed deterioration and the critical role of transparent communication and timely escalation. Across the panel, a unifying call to action emerged: treat families as equal partners in care, embed psychological safety so parents can speak up, and build learning health systems that standardize, measure, and continuously improve safety practices, particularly in low- and middle-income settings where risks are highest. By placing newborns, children, and families at the heart of safety from day one, WPA reaffirmed its mission to drive patient-centered, safer healthcare systems for every child, everywhere.



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For details, please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/allevents/wpsd-webinar-safe-from-the-start-patient-safety-and-quality-in-infant-and-child/>

WEBINAR

Empowering Patient Advocacy with AI Webinar Session 2 | 24 Sept, 2025



WPA hosted the second session of the AI Training Webinar Series, shifting the focus from understanding artificial intelligence to applying it in practice. This session emphasized operationalizing AI within patient organizations and integrating digital tools into advocacy workflows. Speakers highlighted strategies for integrating AI into campaign management, policy content development, stakeholder engagement, and organizational decision-making.

The webinar also addressed ethical considerations, including responsible AI use, data protection, and bias mitigation, ensuring that technological solutions respect patient rights and privacy. Real-world examples illustrated how AI can enhance efficiency, reach, and impact, providing patient organizations with actionable approaches for day-to-day operations.

This session reinforced the practical value of AI as a strategic asset, helping patient organizations strengthen internal capacity, improve decision-making, and deliver more effective advocacy programs.



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WEBINAR

Combating Substandard and Falsified Medicines in Africa | 22 October, 2025



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WPA in collaboration with the Fight the Fakes Alliance, convened a high-level global webinar on “Combating Substandard and Falsified Medicines: Strengthening Global Surveillance and Partnerships” to address the escalating threat of unsafe medicines worldwide. The webinar underscored the urgency of action and the importance of elevating patient voices in medicine safety. Expert contributions, including a keynote from the World Health Organization, highlighted global trends, systemic drivers such as weak regulatory systems and supply chain vulnerabilities, and emerging threats including contamination with dangerous substances. The discussion reflected perspectives from global, regional, and community levels, reinforcing that substandard and falsified medicines represent not only a technical failure but a profound patient safety and equity challenge.

Key takeaways focused on practical, coordinated actions to strengthen prevention and response. Speakers emphasized the critical role of robust surveillance systems such as WHO’s Global Surveillance and Monitoring System, alongside capacity-building initiatives to support regulators and frontline health workers. Community pharmacists and primary care providers were highlighted as essential first responders in detecting and reporting suspicious products, while patient organizations were recognized as powerful partners in awareness raising, grassroots reporting, and accountability. Panelists called for stronger legal harmonization, cross-border data sharing, sustained funding, and multisectoral collaboration involving civil society, regulators, and law enforcement. Above all, the webinar reinforced that patients must be empowered not only as beneficiaries of safer systems but as active agents of change who can identify risks, demand quality, and report harm. By uniting global expertise with patient leadership, WPA reaffirmed that safeguarding medicine quality is fundamental to advancing patient-centered, equitable healthcare for all.

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WEBINAR

Empowering Patient Advocacy with AI Webinar Session 3 | 24 Nov, 2025

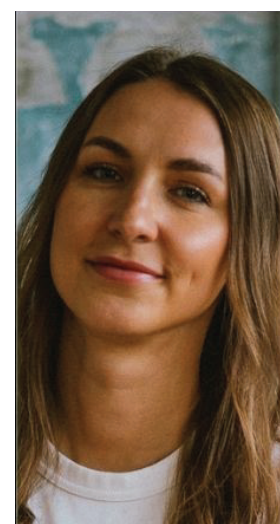
WPA concluded its three-part “Empowering Patient Advocacy with AI” webinar series with a forward-looking session highlighting advanced, practical AI solutions and the long-term integration of digital tools in patient advocacy worldwide. Speakers focused on institutionalizing AI through staff training, governance frameworks, and structured implementation plans to ensure sustainability and measurable impact.

Discussions emphasized advanced AI applications in policy analysis, research support, patient data interpretation, and cross-border collaboration. The session highlighted the importance of ethical leadership, transparency, and inclusive practices in adopting AI technologies.

By bridging technology and advocacy, the webinar demonstrated how AI can strengthen patient empowerment, organizational resilience, and global collaboration, positioning WPA as a leader in supporting responsible and sustainable digital innovation in patient-centered healthcare.



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WEBINAR

Healthy Ageing | 15 December, 2025




World Patients Alliance
 Webinar:
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*EMPOWERING PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES
 ACROSS THE LIFE COURSE*

 15 December 2025
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WPA hosted a global webinar on Healthy Ageing to examine the challenges and opportunities of ageing populations worldwide. Bringing together patient advocates, researchers, policymakers, and healthcare experts, the session explored demographic trends such as longer lifespans and declining fertility, and their impact on long-term care, pensions, labour supply, and social equity. Speakers emphasized that ageing should be viewed not as a burden, but as an opportunity to build inclusive, resilient, and person-centered health systems.

The webinar highlighted practical strategies to promote healthy ageing across the life course, including integrated care, community-based support, caregiver training, good nutrition, physical activity, and stronger social connections. Participants also underscored the importance of tackling ageism, advancing policy reform, and fostering cross-sector collaboration. By equipping patient organizations and communities with knowledge and tools, WPA continues to support age-friendly, equitable health systems that help people live healthier, more fulfilling lives at every stage.



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For details, please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/all-events/webinar-on-healthy-ageing/>

WPA Policy Positions, Bills and Open Letters – 2025

In 2025, WPA issued a series of high-level policy positions, open letters, formal responses, and rights-based bills addressing critical global health challenges. These publications reflect WPA's leadership in global health governance, patient safety, sustainability, and patient rights, and demonstrate its role as a trusted patient voice in international policy discourse.

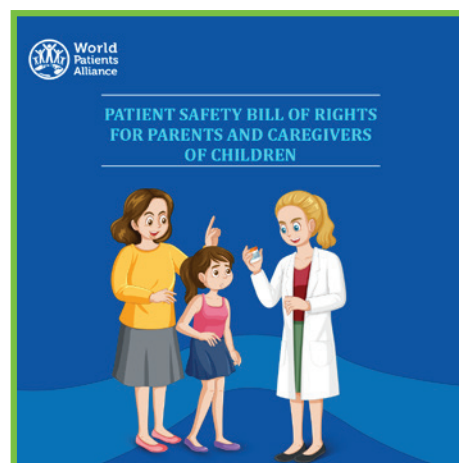
The following policy instruments and advocacy documents were issued during the year:

WPA Patient Safety Bill of Rights for Parents and Caregivers of Children

As part of the 2025 World Patient Safety Day campaign, WPA released a dedicated Bill of Rights to safeguard the safety and dignity of children's healthcare. This document defines essential rights for parents and caregivers in ensuring safe, respectful, and informed care for their children.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/statements/world-patients-alliance-patient-safety-bill-of-rights-for-parents-and-caregivers-of-children/>

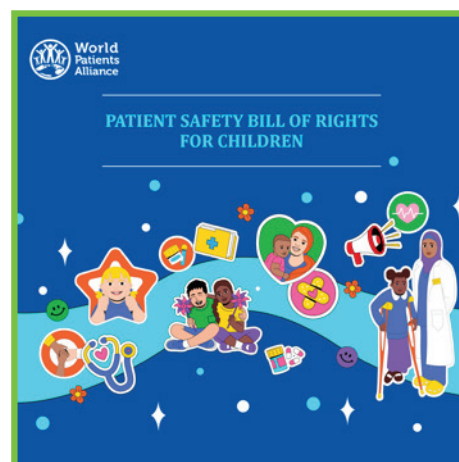


WPA Patient Safety Bill of Rights for Children

Complementing the caregivers' rights, WPA also issued a child-focused Bill of Rights, affirming every child's entitlement to safe, respectful, and age-appropriate medical care. The rights emphasize non-discrimination, meaningful communication, protection from harm, and participation in care decisions.

For details, please visit:

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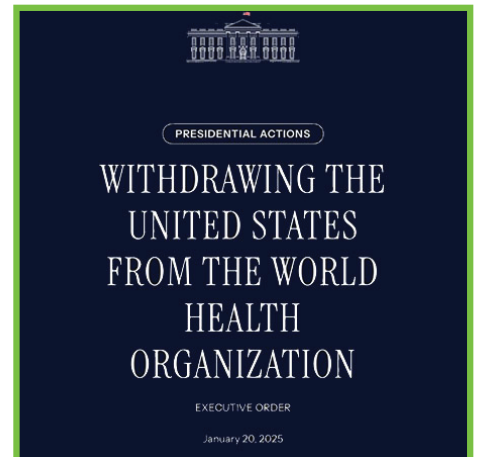


Patients at Risk: WPA Responds to U.S. Decision to Exit WHO

Responding to the United States' announcement to withdraw from the WHO, WPA expressed deep concern about the global implications for patient care, health equity, and coordinated responses to health emergencies. The statement underscored that collaborative global health action is essential to protect patients, especially in vulnerable communities.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/news/patients-at-risk-wpa-responds-to-u-s-decision-to-exit-who/>

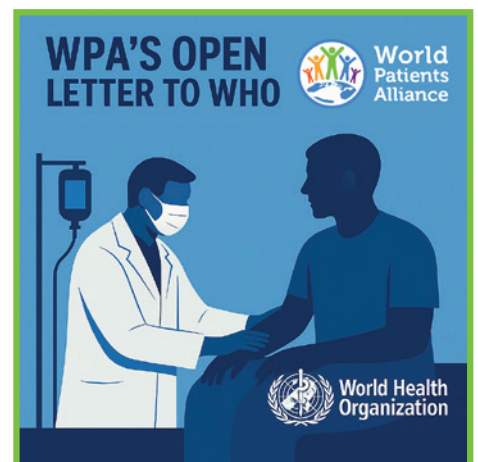


Open Letter to the Director General of WHO

In an open letter to Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization, WPA emphasized the vital importance of WHO's patient safety programs and urged the continuation and strengthening of these initiatives amid proposed resource constraints.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/OPEN-LETTER-SIG.pdf>



WPA Endorses IHF Statement on Sustainability

WPA reaffirmed its commitment to sustainability in healthcare by endorsing the International Hospital Federation's (IHF) call to integrate climate action and resilience into health system planning. The statement highlights the critical role of health organizations in reducing environmental impact and protecting community health.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/IHF-Statement-on-Sustainability-14112022.pdf>



WPA Granted Observer Status to the Council of Europe

In 2025, the WPA achieved a significant milestone by being granted observer status to two key Council of Europe Committees, reflecting its growing role in global advocacy for patient safety, community well-being, and access to quality healthcare.



1. MEDICRIME Convention

WPA was granted observer status to the Council of Europe's Committee of the Parties to the MEDICRIME Convention, an important step in advancing patient safety worldwide. This recognition enables WPA to participate in high-level discussions aimed at preventing falsified and substandard medical products and strengthening international cooperation to protect public health. Through this role, WPA brings the patient perspective to regional policy dialogues, contributing to transparency, accountability, and patient-centered approaches within regulatory and enforcement frameworks. This engagement strengthens the integration of patient perspectives into global discussions on the integrity of medical products and reinforces policy dialogues that prioritise safety, transparency, accountability, and equitable access to safe, effective, and trustworthy healthcare solutions.

For details please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/news/wpa-granted-observer-status-to-the-council-of-europe/>

2. Convention Against Trafficking in Human Organs

WPA also received observer status to the Council of Europe's Committee of the Parties to the Santiago de Compostela Convention (Faro Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society). This recognition provides WPA with a platform to emphasize the connections between cultural participation, community well-being, and patient empowerment. As an observer, WPA will participate in plenary meetings, contributing to policy dialogues that value inclusivity, dignity, and active participation in shaping healthier and more resilient societies.

WPA has been granted observer status to the Council of Europe's Committee of the Parties to the Santiago de Compostela Convention (Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs). This recognition provides WPA with a formal platform to contribute to international efforts aimed at combating organ trafficking, protecting the rights of victims, and strengthening cooperation at national and global levels. As an observer, WPA will participate in plenary meetings and policy dialogues, advocating for patient protection, ethical healthcare systems, human dignity, and the safeguarding of public health, while supporting inclusive, rights-based approaches to building resilient and trustworthy healthcare systems worldwide.

For details please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/news/wpa-granted-observer-status-to-the-council-of-europe/>

WPA AT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Patient Future Conference

WPA Founding Director, Jolanta Bilińska, participated in the Patient Future Conference held in Stockholm from 17–18 March 2025. The conference brought together over 100 participants from nine countries to discuss key challenges related to NCDs, cancer, and communicable diseases.

Discussions highlighted the urgent need for stronger prevention, policy action, and patient engagement, with expert contributions from WHO Europe and Karolinska Institutet. These discussions aligned closely with WPA's priorities and informed its preparations for the WPA European Regional Meeting in Lisbon.



For details, please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/news/wpa-participates-in-patient-future-conference-stockholm-sweden/>

WPA AT THE 7TH GLOBAL MINISTERIAL SUMMIT ON PATIENT SAFETY



WPA participated in the 7th Global Ministerial Summit on Patient Safety, held in Manila, Philippines, 3–4 April 2025, which convened health ministers, patient safety experts, and key stakeholders to advance global strategies for safer care. Under the theme “Weaving Strengths for the Future of Patient Safety Throughout the Health-care Continuum,” the Summit brought together delegates from 64 countries and representatives from academia, professional bodies, and international organizations, including WPA. Discussions focused on accelerating implementation of the Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021–2030, strengthening a culture of safety, deepening patient engagement, addressing social

determinants of health, and assessing the implications of climate change and emerging technologies for patient outcomes.

WPA contributed the patient perspective throughout the programme. In remarks delivered at the Summit, the WPA CEO Hussain Jafri underscored the role of patient organizations in advancing environmental sustainability as part of patient safety through advocacy, education, community initiatives, and practical measures that support safer, more resilient, and equitable health systems. The Summit concluded with the adoption of the Mandaluyong Declaration, calling for urgent action to make patient safety a universal imperative and a core pillar of people-centred, equitable health systems that deliver quality care and better outcomes.

For details, please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/news/strengthening-patient-safety-in-a-changing-climate-insights-from-the-7th-global-ministerial-summit/>

WPA at the 78th World Health Assembly

During the 78th World Health Assembly (WHA78), held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 19–27 May 2025, WPA actively participated in side events, engaging with global health stakeholders to advance patient-centered healthcare priorities.

WPA was represented by CEO Hussain Jafri, who contributed to key discussions on combating falsified and substandard medicines during a Fight the Fakes Alliance reception, emphasizing their impact on patient safety and trust in healthcare systems. WPA also engaged in dialogues on digital innovation and self-care in non-communicable diseases (NCDs), highlighting the importance of involving patients as active partners in the design of accessible and trusted digital health solutions.

In addition, WPA participated in the WHO Civil Society Commission in-person meeting, reinforcing the role of civil society in shaping inclusive and effective global health policies. WPA's participation reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening collaboration and ensuring that patient voices remain central to global health decision-making.

For details, please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/news/wpa-at-wha78-amplifying-patient-voice-across-global-health-dialogues/>



WPA CEO Joins Faculty of the University of Kalisz, Poland



WPA marked a significant milestone as its CEO, Dr. Hussain Jafri, joined the University of Kalisz as a Professor at the newly established Institute for Patient Safety Research. Developed in partnership with WPA, the Institute aims to advance patient safety through research, education, and policy dialogue, with a strong focus on NCDs, digital health, and patient engagement. During his visits to the University of Kalisz in June and December 2025, Dr. Jafri delivered lectures to students and faculty on the global patient safety crisis, highlighting the urgent need for people-centered care and stronger health systems. This collaboration reflects WPA's long-term commitment to strengthening global capacity, advancing patient safety, and fostering international academic partnerships.

For details, please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/news/wpa-ceo-joins-faculty-of-university-of-kalisz-poland/>

Health Challenges Congress

WPA participated in the Health Challenges Congress, Katowice, Poland, 13–14 March 2025, one of Central Europe’s largest healthcare forums, bringing together over 3,000 stakeholders including policymakers, healthcare leaders, patients, and NGOs. The congress featured interactive sessions addressing health system challenges, patient rights, and digital transparency.

WPA was represented by Board Director Jolanta Bilińska, contributing to discussions on patient-centered policy and the importance of strengthening patient rights. WPA’s participation reinforced its commitment to ensuring patient voices remain central in shaping the future of healthcare systems across Europe and beyond.

For details, please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/news/wpa-participates-in-health-challenges-congress-katowice-poland/>



PDA Parenteral Packaging Conference

WPA participated in the Parenteral Drug Association (PDA) Parenteral Packaging Conference, held from 25–26 March 2025, focusing on innovations and challenges in patient-centered pharmaceutical packaging.

Represented by Ms. Penney Cowan, WPA highlighted key patient challenges, including difficult-to-open packaging, poor readability, and inadequate safety features affecting adherence.

She emphasized simple, accessible design and stronger collaboration between industry and patient organizations. WPA’s participation reinforced the importance of integrating patient perspectives to improve safety and health outcomes.

For details, please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/?s=Parenteral+Drug+Association+%28PDA%29+Parenteral+Packaging+Conference+>



WPA at WFME World Conference

Jolanta Bilińska, Founding Director of WPA, represented the organization at the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) World Conference 2025, held from 25–28 May 2025 in Bangkok, Thailand, under the theme “Health for All Through Quality Medical Education.”

The conference focused on advancing excellence in medical education to support stronger, more equitable health systems globally. She emphasized the importance of integrating patient perspectives into medical education, highlighting patients as partners in shaping healthcare systems and strengthening core competencies such as empathy and communication among future professionals. WPA’s participation reinforced the role of patient engagement in advancing quality medical education and developing a patient-centered healthcare workforce globally.



For details, please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/news/strengthening-patient-voice-in-medical-education-wpa-at-the-wfme-world-conference-2025/terial-summit/>

WPA at AESGP 61st Annual Meeting

WPA Founding Director and Treasurer Jolanta Bilińska represented the organization at the Association of the European Self-Care Industry (AESGP) 61st annual meeting, held in Warsaw, Poland, from 2–4 June 2025. The meeting brought together leaders from the self-care industry, patient organizations, and policymakers to explore prevention, innovation, and patient empowerment.



Bilińska spoke in the session “Prevention through Self-Care,” emphasizing the importance of health literacy in enabling individuals to make informed health decisions. WPA’s participation reinforced the recognition of patient organizations as key partners in advancing prevention, health literacy, and patient empowerment globally.

For details please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/news/world-patients-alliance-participates-in-aesgp-61st-annual-meeting-in-warsaw/>

WPA at Patient Engagement Open Forum 2025

WPA participated in the Patient Engagement Open Forum (PEOF) 2025, held from 10–12 June in Baveno, Italy, bringing together over 300 global stakeholders to advance patient engagement in healthcare systems. WPA CEO, Dr. Hussain Jafri, contributed to discussions on embedding patient voices in decision-making and strengthening cross-sector collaboration.



The forum, under the theme “Your Path. Your Pace. Your PEOF,” addressed key areas including clinical research, digital innovation, and sustainable engagement. WPA’s participation reinforced its commitment to people-centered healthcare and ensuring patient perspectives remain central to policy and system transformation globally.

For details, please visit <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/news/world-patients-alliance-participates-in-the-patient-engagement-open-forum-peof-2025/>

WPA at 12th EDCTP Forum 2025

WPA participated in the 12th EDCTP Forum, held in Kigali, Rwanda, from 15–20 June 2025, bringing together global stakeholders to advance clinical research collaboration.

WPA was represented by Regina Kamoga, Founding Director of WPA, who emphasized integrating patient and community perspectives across the research lifecycle, including clinical trials, ethics, and partnerships.



A key highlight was the “Meet the Expert” session on community engagement, stressing the need for trust-based and inclusive approaches from early research stages. WPA’s participation reinforced its commitment to patient-centered and ethical clinical research globally.

For details, please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/?s=WPA+at+12th+EDCTP+Forum+2025+>

WPA at the National Cancer Congress Malaysia

WPA participated in the National Cancer Congress Malaysia (NCCM 2025), held from 20–22 June 2025 at Sunway University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia bringing together global leaders to advance cancer prevention, treatment, and patient-centered care.

WPA CEO Dr. Hussain Jafri contributed to a session on “The Care Ecosystem: Working Together to Make a Difference,” highlighting the role of patient advocacy in strengthening cancer care and health systems. He emphasized that meaningful patient engagement is essential for equitable, effective, and people-centered healthcare. WPA’s participation reinforced its commitment to advancing advocacy-driven solutions and fostering collaboration to improve cancer outcomes globally.



For details Please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/news/wpa-at-the-national-cancer-congress-malaysia-nccm-2025/>

WPA at European Conference on Injury Prevention and Patient Safety

WPA was represented by Board Director Jolanta Bilińska at the European Conference on Injury Prevention and Patient Safety, held from 29 September to 2 October 2025 in Heraklion, Greece. The event brought together patient advocates, health professionals, researchers, and policymakers to strengthen collaboration on injury prevention and patient safety. Ms. Bilińska delivered a presentation on Poland’s trauma system, contributed to panel discussions on strengthening trauma systems in Europe, and chaired a session on patient safety. Her participation highlighted WPA’s commitment to advancing patient-centered approaches in global health.



For details please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/news/world-patients-alliance-participates-in-the-european-conference-on-injury-prevention-and-patient-safety/>

WPA ISoP 2025

The 24th Annual Meeting of the International Society of Pharmacovigilance (ISoP 2025) was held from 24 to 27 October 2025 under the theme “Pharmacovigilance: Back to the Future.”

WPA CEO Dr. Hussain Jafri presented on the role of patients in pharmacovigilance, emphasizing the shift from passive reporting to active patient partnership in medicine safety.

He highlighted that while patient involvement is growing, meaningful engagement remains limited, and stressed the need for accessible tools, patient education, and stronger collaboration to improve safety outcomes.



For details, please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/?s=WPA+at+ISoP+2025+Cairo%2C+Egypt+>

WPA Highlights Patient Voice at International Health Conference

WPA CEO, Dr. Hussain Jafri participated as a speaker at the Joint Conference of the 7th International Conference on Health Administration and Policy (ICoHAP) and the 3rd International Symposium on Patient Safety and Quality (ISPSQ) in Surabaya, Indonesia, on 4–5 October 2025. The conference, themed “Healthcare 6.0: Turning Challenges into Milestones for Safer and Sustainable Care,” brought together global experts to discuss innovations and policies for patient safety and health system resilience.

Dr. Jafri delivered a presentation on “Speaking Up for Safety: The Role of Patients in Healthcare Transformation,” emphasizing the global burden of unsafe care and the critical role of patient engagement in improving outcomes. He highlighted WPA’s educational initiatives and global advocacy efforts, stressing that sustainable progress in patient safety requires patients to be equal partners in healthcare design and policy.

During his visit to Indonesia, Dr. Jafri was also invited as a Visiting Fellow at Universitas Airlangga, where he delivered a lecture to medical students and visited several healthcare facilities to discuss strengthening patient engagement in clinical care and health policy.

For details please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/news/wpa-highlights-patient-voice-at-international-health-conference-in-indonesia/>



WPA at the European Patient Safety Conference 2025

WPA participated in the Patient Safety Conference 2025, held in Munich, Germany, on 24 October 2025, bringing together healthcare leaders, policymakers, and patient advocates to address key patient safety challenges.

WPA was represented by Founding Director Jolanta Bilińska, who spoke in a panel on blood safety, highlighting the importance of safe blood systems and collaboration among stakeholders.

She emphasized the role of patient organizations in ensuring healthcare policies reflect real patient needs.

WPA’s participation reaffirmed its commitment to advancing patient engagement and promoting safer, patient-centered healthcare systems.

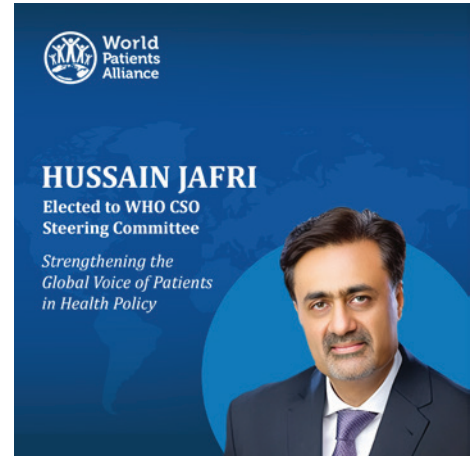


For details please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/news/rethinking-patient-safety-wpa-at-the-european-patient-safety-conference-2025/>

WPA CEO Joins WHO Civil Society Commission Steering Committee

WPA is pleased to announce that CEO Hussain Jafri has been appointed to the World Health Organization (WHO) Civil Society Commission Steering Committee. The Commission facilitates structured engagement between civil society organizations and WHO, ensuring that the perspectives of communities and stakeholders are reflected in global health policy. The Steering Committee plays a key role in guiding its work, setting priorities, and strengthening the integration of civil society voices into decision-making processes.

Mr. Jafri's appointment marks an important milestone in strengthening the global voice of patients within international health governance. It underscores WPA's commitment to patient-centered healthcare and provides an important platform to advocate for policies that better reflect the needs and experiences of patients worldwide.



For details please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/news/wpa-ceo-hussain-jafri-joins-who-civil-society-commission-steering-committee/>

Recognition and Leadership in Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

Regina Kamoga, Founding Director of the World Patients Alliance, was recognized among eight women globally as an AMR Trailblazer in 2025 under the inaugural Trailblazers in Antimicrobial Resistance programme. This is an inaugural initiative by the Fleming Initiative and CSIRO, Australia's national science agency, and it honours exceptional women advancing action against antimicrobial resistance worldwide.

This recognition highlights her leadership in promoting community driven responses to AMR in Uganda and beyond. Through her work with Community Health Information and Network (CHAIN), she has strengthened patient engagement, promoted responsible use of medicines, and empowered communities to contribute to AMR prevention and control, while advancing inclusive leadership across science, policy, and community engagement.



For details please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/news/wpa-founding-board-director-regina-mariam-n-kamoga-recognized-as-a-trailblazer-in-amr-2025/>

COLLABORATIONS

WPA Partners with Platform Worldwide to Enhance Digital Engagement and Capacity Building



The WPA partnered with UK-based Platform Worldwide to enhance digital engagement, capacity building, and patient-centered communication globally. The collaboration supports the development of multilingual learning content, management of webinars, and execution of a 12-month social media strategy aligned with WPA's programs and events.

This partnership reflects WPA's commitment to expanding membership, building organizational capacity, and amplifying patient voices through innovative, scalable, and sustainable digital solutions. By leveraging creative digital tools, WPA aims to strengthen patient engagement, health literacy, and global advocacy efforts.

For details, please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/news/world-patients-alliance-partners-with-platform-worldwide-to-enhance-digital-engagement-and-capacity-building/>

WPA Partners with WONCA to Advance Patient-Centered Primary Care



The WPA formalized a partnership with the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA) through a Memorandum of Understanding, aiming to strengthen patient-centered healthcare globally.

The collaboration leverages WONCA's expertise in primary care, medical education, and international collaboration to embed patient voices in healthcare planning, delivery, and policy.

This alliance reinforces WPA's commitment to building inclusive, equitable, and responsive health systems, where primary care serves as a foundation for safe, effective, and compassionate healthcare, and every patient experience is valued.

For details, please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/news/world-patients-alliance-and-wonca-partner-to-promote-patient-centered-primary-healthcare-worldwide/>

WPA Partners with Global Health Council to Strengthen Patient-Centered Global Health Advocacy



WPA has entered into a formal partnership with the Global Health Council (GHC), a leading nonprofit advancing global health policy by convening advocates, implementers, policymakers, and other stakeholders. Established through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the partnership strengthens patient-centred global health advocacy and enables close coordination across priority areas including global health security, maternal and child health, NCDs, and health systems strengthening. Through reciprocal membership and joint engagement, both organizations are better positioned to integrate patient perspectives into high-level global health discussions and expand access to research, policy forums, and advocacy platforms.

For details, please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/news/world-patients-alliance-and-global-health-council-partner-to-strengthen-patient-centered-global-health-advocacy/>

WPA Newsletter



During 2025, WPA published three editions of its official newsletter, providing timely updates on organizational activities, advocacy initiatives, patient-centered resources, and global health developments. The newsletters served as an important communication platform to keep members, partners, and stakeholders informed about WPA's work and key developments in patient advocacy, health policy, and patient engagement worldwide.

The 2025 editions were released in February, June, and October, each highlighting major milestones, events, and initiatives undertaken by WPA throughout the year. The newsletters featured updates on global webinars, partnerships, conferences, and advocacy efforts, while also sharing insights on patient safety, access to care, and health literacy. Through these editions, WPA continued to amplify the patient voice, promote patient safety and quality of care, and strengthen collaboration with patient organizations and partners across regions and disease areas.

In addition to reporting WPA's activities, the newsletters also served as a platform to highlight the work of member organizations and share knowledge, experiences, and best practices from the global patient advocacy community. By fostering information exchange and engagement, the WPA newsletter continues to support the Alliance's mission of advancing patient-centered healthcare worldwide.

For details please visit: <https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/newsletter/>



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Revenue

\$ 478,556

Program Expense Areas:

Growing & Supporting the International Patient Community

\$101,016

Advocating For Patient-centered Policy

\$122,980

Education

\$94,071

Total For Program Expense Areas

\$318,067

Management & General Expenses

\$70,144

Total Expenses

\$388,211

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