NEWS

Developing the 14th WHO General Program of Work (GPW14 2025-2028)
The core mission of GPW14 is to champion health and well-being for all. The program articulates six strategic goals, organized into three pillars: Advancing Health, Ensuring Access, and Safeguarding Against Threats. Read more

WPA at DUPHAT 2024: Pioneering Advocacy for Patient-centric Healthcare
In an unprecedented demonstration of dedication to patient rights and healthcare innovation, the World Patients Alliance (WPA) took the spotlight at the DUPHAT 2024 Conference, hosted at the Dubai World Trade Center from January 9 to 11. Read more

WHO Outlines Considerations for Regulation of AI for Health
While AI holds great promise for health, it also poses challenges like unethical data collection, cybersecurity threats, and biases. The new guidance aims to assist countries in regulating AI effectively, balancing its potential benefits with minimized risks. Read more

UN Partners Call for Investment in Self-care Interventions to Improve Sexual and Reproductive Health
During the World Health Summit in Berlin, UN agencies released a joint statement advocating increased commitments and investments in self-care interventions for sexual and reproductive health and rights. Read more

1st WHO Global Clinical Trials Forum Puts Forward a Global Vision
WHO Global Clinical Trials Forum on November 20-21, 2023, aimed to align clinical research capabilities with the World Health Assembly resolution (WHA75.8), fostering high-quality evidence on health interventions. Read more

Getting to Know the WPA Board of Directors
Patients’ Voice features an interview with each Board Director in its quarterly issues and in February 2024 this is the time to meet Regina Kamoga. Patients’ Voice thanks Regina for sharing her story.

Regina Kamoga
Director, World Patients Alliance

Regina Mariam Namata Kamoga is an Executive Director, for Community Health and Information Network (CHAIN) for Ugandan organization that promotes the empowerment of people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and non-communicable diseases. Regina has served on numerous health advisory committees and boards at the national and international level. Regina works on patients’ rights, particularly the rights of persons with HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria and non-communicable diseases, and capacity building for NGOs and community based organizations.

Meet Regina Kamoga
Proper Training for Unpaid Family Carers is More Important than Ever

By Hazel Moran | Vice President at EMD Serono

Imagine hearing that a loved one — your mother, father, husband, wife, or someone else whom you care immensely about — has been diagnosed with a debilitating disease such as cancer or multiple sclerosis. Soon they may need help performing even the most basic tasks, such as feeding and bathing.

Members' Corner

Members' 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.

- Community Events, Awareness Campaigns and Marathon by Diaheb, Lebanon
- Dementia Friends Session by Alzheimer’s Pakistan
- Workshop on Prevention and Treatment of Thalassaemia by TFP, Pakistan.
- Patient Advocacy Feat by National Thalassaemia Welfare Society, India

If you are interested in showcasing your event on WPA social media, website, and newsletter. Please click here to submit your event details.

Members' Announcements

- Lebanon
  - Said NGO
  - Walkathon 2024

- USA
  - VStrong "SHINES" Vitiligo Sun Protection Strategy

- Malawi
  - Epilepsy Assessment And Management Course 5.0

New Members

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

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WPA Membership Survey 2024

We are pleased to share that our alliance has grown to 467 member-organizations spanning 124 countries of the world and it makes us, the World Patients Alliance, world’s largest umbrella patient organization working across all disease areas and in all world regions. To best serve our member-organizations, and all of our members, please take this brief survey and help us understand your organization’s needs and opportunities for partnership in 2024.

Take the Survey

WPA Announcements

Cape Town 2024: 2nd World Patients Conference

WPA's 2nd World Patients Conference will provide patients the platform and opportunity to network, exchange information, share experiences, learn from each other, raise your voice, and advocate for patients cause internationally. Save the Date and join us as we provide the international platform to empower and raise the patients’ voice for the provision and access to safe, quality, and affordable healthcare globally.

Learn More
Webinar
Capacity Building for Patient Advocacy Groups
Introducing the PALC

The Patient Advocacy Leadership Collective (PALC) is an innovative hub that provides connectivity, community resources, and tools focused on sustainable capacity building for patient advocates globally. WPA is organizing a Webinar: Capacity Building for Patient Advocacy Groups – Introducing The Patient Advocacy and Leadership Collective – From Concept to Launch on 30th January 2024 at 8 AM EST. The purpose of this webinar is to spread awareness and build capacities by taking all concerned through this very important tool for Patient Advocacy.

Register Now
Learn More

Webinar
Self-Care

Self-care, in its essence, is a deliberate and holistic practice aimed at preserving and enhancing one's overall well-being. From a patient’s perspective, self-care becomes a crucial commitment to nurturing not only physical health but also mental resilience and emotional balance in the face of health challenges. Amidst the complexities of medical journeys and treatment regimens, self-care emerges as a vital thread in the fabric of patient empowerment. In an effort to promote awareness surrounding the vital role of self-care, the WPA is organizing a Self-care Webinar scheduled for February 15th at 9 AM EST (3 PM CET).

Register Now
Learn More
The 46th IHF World Hospital Congress, organized by the International Hospital Federation (IHF), took place on 25–27 October 2023 at the Lisbon Congress Centre in Portugal. Around 1,400 delegates from 91 countries and territories gathered for plenary and thematic sessions, workshops, poster presentations, and to exchange ideas in the Innovation Hub and exhibition space. Andrew Spiegel, Chair WPA brought a unique perspective to the congress. As a partner organization of the IHF, the WPA plays a crucial role in advocating for patients' rights and well-being.

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