



"Get it right, make it safe!"

“Improving diagnosis for patient safety”



World Patients Alliance

WORLD PATIENT SAFETY DAY 2024 BOOKLET

1. Introduction

The World Patients Safety Day (WPSD) is observed globally on 17th Sept every year. **“Improving Diagnosis for Patient Safety,”** has been selected as the theme for World Patient Safety Day 2024. Evidence shows that when patients are treated as partners in their care, significant gains are made in safety, patient satisfaction, and health outcomes. Resolution [WHA72.6](#) urges Members States “to put into place systems to support the active engagement, participation, and empowerment of patients, families, and communities in the delivery of safer health care”. Through the slogan **“Get it right, make it safe!”**, WHO calls for concerted efforts to significantly reduce diagnostic errors through multifaceted interventions rooted in systems thinking, human factors and active engagement of patients, their families, health workers and health care leaders.

Each year, a new theme is selected to highlight a priority patient safety area for action. The objectives of World Patient Safety Day 2024 are:

1. Raise global awareness of errors in diagnosis contributing to patient harm and emphasize the pivotal role of correct, timely and safe diagnosis in improving patient safety.
2. Give prominence to diagnostic safety in patient safety policy and clinical practice at all levels of health care, aligned with the Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021–2030.
3. Foster collaboration among policy-makers, health care leaders, health workers, patient organizations, and other stakeholders in advancing correct, timely and safe diagnosis.
4. Empower patients and families to actively engage with health workers and health care leaders to improve diagnostic processes.

Resolution WHA72.6 and the [Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021–2030](#) highlight the need for ensuring the safety of diagnostic processes. The global action plan encourages countries to adopt strategies that reduce diagnostic errors, which often arise from a combination of cognitive and system factors that impact the recognition of patients’ key signs and symptoms, and the interpretation and communication of their test results. A diagnostic error is the failure to establish a correct and timely explanation of a patient’s health problem, which can include delayed, incorrect, or missed diagnoses, or a failure to communicate that explanation to the patient. The magnitude of diagnostic errors is profound, accounting for nearly 16% of preventable harm across health systems. With most adults likely to face at least one diagnostic error in their lifetime, substantial work needs to be done to improve the safety of diagnostic processes.

WPA has manifested largest WPSD campaigns in the world by organizing over 1600 events in the years 2021, 2022 and 2023.

2. Background

The WPSD was established in 2019 by the Seventy-second World Health Assembly through the adoption of resolution WHA72.6: “Global action on patient safety”. Global public health days have great potential to raise awareness and understanding of key health issues and to mobilize support for action, from the local community to the international stage. World Patient Safety Day is firmly grounded in the fundamental principle of medicine— “first do no harm.” Its objectives

are to increase public awareness and engagement, enhance global understanding, and work towards global solidarity and action by member states to promote patient safety.

3. WPA World Patient Safety Day

WPA in collaboration with its member organizations has successfully conducted 1600+ events since the launch of World Patient Safety Day in September 2020. Therefore, WPA is pleased to launch a campaign to celebrate WPSD 2024 globally which would include organizing awareness and advocacy events such as seminars, conferences, workshops, community meetings, training events, sports events, dramas & plays, musical events, walks, etc.

4. Grants to celebrate WPSD

WPA is providing Grants to WPA member organizations to celebrate the day. There are a limited number of US \$300 to \$ 500 grants available to be used for organizing WPSD **in-person events** only. If you are interested in receiving a Grant for your organization, please complete the [ONLINE GRANT FORM](#). The deadline to submit online Grant applications is 10th August 2024.

5. Grants' Terms & Conditions

WPA member organizations can apply for WPSD grants subject to the following terms and conditions:

- a. It will be a collaborative event between WPA and organization receiving the grant.
- b. The organization receiving the grant will use promotional materials provided by WPA (banners, posters, leaflets, logo, etc.) in all of its campaign. Moreover, WPA will be highlighted as collaborating partner throughout the event/ campaign and in all of the campaign materials.
- c. The organization receiving the Grant will provide a report (400 words) on the event along with high-resolution pictures to WPA within a week after the event.
- d. Each event will be announced and promoted for local and international audiences on WPA and WPA member organization's social media and websites.
- e. The organization receiving the Grant will use and promote WPA social media (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram) in their campaign.
- f. The agreed funds will be transferred once the event is finalized in consultation with WPA and held as planned. In case of any financial issues faced by the organization, the funds may be transferred before the event with the prior permission of WPA. In such case, if the organization receiving the Grant is unable to organize the event as planned, the funds provided by WPA will be returned in full.
- g. Your bank may deduct fund transfer charges

6. Declaration & Bank Detail Form:

It is important that all organizations receiving the Grant must sign the Declaration & Bank Detail form. The funds will be transferred only to the "organization's account" receiving the Grant. The Declaration & Bank Detail form will be sent to the organization successfully in receiving the Grant.

7. Who is eligible to Apply?

WPA Full & Associate members are eligible and encouraged to apply for the World Patient Safety Day 2024 Grant.

8. Promotional Material

WPA will soon be providing WPSD 2024 promotional material such as banners, steamers, social media posts, etc. to help you in the promotion of your event(s).

9. Online Grant Form

Please click here to complete the [ONLINE GRANT FORM](#). The deadline to submit online Grant applications is 10th August, 2024.

10. Register your WPSD Event

Register and become part of the WPA's global WPSD campaign. Help to achieve the campaign's goals this year by holding your in-person events and spreading the campaign messages in the lead upto, during and after 17 September. Please [click here](#) to register your WPSD event.

Register your event even if you have not applied for the Grant. WPA will promote all registered in-person events through its social media platforms.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact us at:

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