



Patient story of medication-related harm

Medication Safety: Implementing the Challenge

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My story

- My passion for patient safety dates as far as 1990's. It stems from the **experiences** I have encountered at a **personal and family level** with near miss incidents, and at the community level where I have witnessed patients being harmed, disabled and lose their lives.
- My mother **almost died due a medicine overdose** for her hypertension drug, I narrowly survived child birth.



“It was a life changing experience for me when I was selected to participate in the WHO PFPS regional workshop in Entebbe Uganda in 2011. This marked the beginning of a long journey towards patient safety advocacy! The journey has not been easy given the challenges and especially the paternalistic view of the “doctor knows best” and that the patient is merely a recipient of care, with just a body and no mind!”

**Why Patient Safety? ...When things go wrong ,
it's the patient who suffer the harm.....**



CHAIN's work on Patient safety

CHAIN has engaged and empowered patients and community on different patient safety issues including:

- Medication safety
- Hand hygiene
- Injection safety
- Participation in clinical trials
- Maternal and child health

Working with Key healthcare SHs

- CHAIN has worked with key stakeholders to promote patient safety and these include;
- Ministry of Health
- WHO
- Regulators e.g. National Drug Authority
- Academia
- Supply chain organisations
- Patient organisations
- Community owned resources
- Schools

Patient safety in schools

- Children are very good ambassadors ,engagement at an early age is critical.
- CHAIN reaches out to about 120,000 school going children in a year in Kampala, Wakiso and Kiboga districts to discuss patient safety issues including safe use of medicines, hand hygiene and injection safety through debates essay writing music dance& drama and sports.





Children presenting their medication safety essays



Engaging healthcare professionals



Key messages

- Everyone has a role to play to contribute to ensure that patients are not harmed in the process of receiving care.
- Strengthening community systems and engaging community owned resources is critical in promoting patient safety.
- Let's all work together to make this happen, because safer care is a core component of universal health coverage!

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