

JOIN US IN ACHIEVING *MEDICATION WITHOUT HARM*

INSTITUTIONAL PLEDGE

Recognizing the serious burden of harm and significant economic impact that medication errors and unsafe medication practices create for patients and health systems throughout the world;

Considering that the majority of medication errors and medication-related harm are avoidable;

Building on the momentum created by the WHO [Global Patient Safety Challenge: Medication Without Harm](#) and consolidated by the [Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021–2030](#) to improve medication safety and reduce medication-related harm at the global level;

Emphasizing that a unique opportunity now exists to significantly reduce medication errors and medication-related harm globally;

I, the

[insert title], and on behalf of all at the

[insert name of institution] of

[insert Member State name (if applicable)], **resolve to improve medication safety through actions such as:**

- Prioritizing and addressing medication safety through allocation of sufficient resources;
- Assessing the burden of medication-related harm in our institution;
- Developing and implementing a medication safety plan and programme with stakeholders, including patients and the general public, aligned with the components of the [WHO Global Patient Safety Challenge: Medication Without Harm](#) and the [Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021–2030](#);

- Designating a coordinator to oversee the implementation of the Challenge, plan and programme;
- Adopting and observing ongoing campaigns such as World Patient Safety Day 2022 and [Know. Check. Ask.](#) to promote and improve safe medication practices among health workers and safe medication use by patients and the general public;
- Establishing a patient safety incident reporting and learning system, including medication safety incidents (medication errors and related harm);
- Sharing information on medication safety with relevant stakeholders to foster appropriate actions;
- Considering the use of WHO strategies and guidelines to tackle medication errors and medication-related harm, with a particular focus on the areas of high-risk situations, transitions of care, and polypharmacy, including a focus on the role of patients and the public, health and care workers, medicines as products, and the systems and practices of medication;
- Monitoring progress and evaluating the impact of the plan and programme;
- Sharing experiences and annual progress reports, where appropriate, with the WHO Flagship Initiative: A Decade for Patient Safety 2021–2030, through email address: patientsafety@who.int.

We resolve to work with relevant stakeholders, including health workers, patients, industry, regulators, and civil society:

To promote the highest standards of medication management and use, thereby reducing the risks that lead to medication errors and medication-related harm;

To foster and sustain collaboration with academic and research institutions and health care settings in different countries to ensure full utilization of knowledge and experience in the field of medication safety;

To encourage senior management support and role modelling by key staff to promote the implementation of interventions to reduce medication errors and medication-related harm.

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