

 World Health Organization  World Patient Safety Day 17 September 2025	WPSD 2025 Global Webinar Safe care for every newborn and every child 8 September 2025, 14:00 – 16:30 CEST
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PROGRAMME OF WORK

Opening		
Moderator: Dr Blerta MALIQI		
14:00 – 14:07	Welcome	Dr Blerta MALIQI Head, Patient Safety and Quality of Care WHO Headquarters
14:07 – 14:10	Address by WHO Director-General (DG)	Dr Tedros Adhanom GHEBREYESUS WHO Director-General (video message)
Setting the scene		
14:10 – 14:20	Through a parent's eyes – A mother's voice for safe care	Ms Isabela CASTRO Patient representative
14:20 – 14:35	Keynote speaker: World Patient Safety Day: the power of global reach	Sir Liam DONALDSON WHO Special Envoy for Patient Safety
World Patient Safety Day 2025 campaign		
Moderator: Dr Blerta MALIQI		
14:35 – 14:45	Welcome from Co-chairs of the WPSD 2025 Steering Committee	Dr Per ASHORN Unit Head, Newborn and Child Health, Department of Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal, Child, Adolescent health and Ageing Ms Kadidiatou TOURE Technical Officer, Partnership for Maternal Newborn and Child Health
14:45 – 15:05	World Patient Safety Day 2025 Communication Campaign	Dr Ayda TAHA Technical officer, Patient Safety and Quality of Care, WHO Headquarters Mr Murat GUNGOR Communications Officer, Department of Communications, WHO Headquarters
15:05 – 15:15	World Patient Safety Day 2025 Goals – Launch	Dr Nikhil GUPTA Technical officer, Patient Safety and Quality of Care, WHO Headquarters

WPSD Goals in action - Expert commentaries		
Moderator: Dr Peter LACHMAN, Dr Neelam DHINGRA		
15:15 – 15:20	Zoom poll: Which Goals would you commit to?	
15:20 – 15:50	Child and family engagement	Ms Helen HASKELL Chair of Patient Safety and Quality World Patients Alliance USA
	Medication safety	Dr Maya SUZUKI Assistant professor, Center for Clinical and Translational Research, Kyushu University Hospital International Paediatric Association Quality Committee Japan
	Diagnostic safety: Early detection of clinical deterioration	Prof. Damian ROLAND Consultant in Paediatric Emergency Medicine United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
	Infection Prevention and Control	Mr Paul KAMAU Patient Affairs Officer Healthcare Quality Division Kenyatta National Hospital Kenya
	Small and sick newborn	Dr Kedar SAWLESHWARKAR Neonatologist and Pediatrician Associate Professor, R K Damani Medical college, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, Maharashtra India
15:50 – 15:55	Reflections on the Goals	Dr Neelam DHINGRA Vice President and Global Chief Patient Safety Officer Joint Commission International
Stronger together: Partnerships for paediatric and newborn safety		
Moderator: Dr Blerta MALIQI and Dr Per ASHORN		
15:55 – 16:20	International Alliance of Patients’ Organizations (IAPO)	Ms Dani MOTHCI Chief Executive Officer
	World Patients Alliance (WPA)	Dr Hussain JAFRI Chief Executive Officer
	International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua)	Dr Carsten Engel Chief Executive Officer

	Joint Commission International	Dr Neelam DHINGRA Vice President and Global Chief Patient Safety Officer
	International Paediatric Association (IPA)	Dr Joseph HADDAD President
	International Council of Nurses (ICN)	Mr Howard Catton Chief Executive Officer
	Council of International Neonatal Nurses (COINN)	Assoc. Prof. Julia Petty Vice President of COINN
	International Confederation of Midwives (ICM)	Prof. Jacqueline Dunkley-Bent Chief Midwife
	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	Dr Fouzia Shafique Associate Director Maternal Newborn Child and Adolescent Health
	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	Prof Em. Niek Klazinga Advisor Health Care Quality and Outcomes program
	Save the children	Dr Winnie Mwebesa Senior Managing Director Global Health
	Align MNH	Ms Anita GIBSON Director, AlignMNH Secretariat
Closing		
16:20 – 16:30	Closing remarks	Dr Kalipso CHALKIDOU Director, System performance, financing and delivery