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World Patient Safety Day, 17 September 2025

The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) presents his compliments to Member States and has the honour to inform them that WHO is working with international and national stakeholders to plan for World Patient Safety Day 2025, which will be observed and celebrated across the world on 17 September.

World Patient Safety Day was established in May 2019 by the World Health Assembly through the adoption of resolution WHA72.6 on “Global action on patient safety”. The aims of World Patient Safety Day, to be marked annually on 17 September, are to increase public awareness and engagement, enhance global solidarity, and mobilize action by Member States to promote patient safety in line with national objectives and milestones.

In recognition of the vulnerability of newborns and children to patient safety risks, the theme selected for World Patient Safety Day 2025 is “**Safe care for every newborn and every child**”.

Strengthening safety in paediatric and newborn care is essential to achieving universal health coverage and meeting the Sustainable Development Goal 3.2 target of ending preventable deaths of newborns and children under the age of five. The Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021–2030 recognizes paediatric and newborn safety across multiple strategic objectives, including designing safe clinical processes, strengthening health workforce competencies, engaging patients and families, and establishing learning systems to prevent harm. Through the slogan “**Patient safety from the start!**”, WHO calls for concerted efforts across key paediatric and newborn patient safety areas such as safe childbirth and postnatal care, medication safety, diagnostic safety, immunization safety, infection prevention and early recognition of clinical deterioration.

WHO headquarters, WHO regional offices, and WHO country offices will be pleased to work with Member States to make this day a great success in 2025. Further information and the campaign announcement are available on the WHO website: <https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2025/09/17/default-calendar/world-patient-safety-day--17-september-2025--patient-safety-from-the-start>.

The Director-General of the World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to Member States the assurance of his highest consideration.

GENEVA, 13 June 2025