

*In this edition: Patient Safety: Focus on Africa*



**Editorial by Sir Liam Donaldson**  
**The right question for Africa**

Why is it, though, that when the crisis of maternal, neonatal and child mortality in Africa is raised by global experts and policy wonks, the issue of safe health care is not discussed? The answer lies in the nature of the question.



**Feature by guest writer Dr Sam Zamba**  
**Patient safety in Africa - Vision and realism**

While African health systems have much to learn about safety, these same systems can also provide the world some clear insights into how to develop and nurture safe systems.

**African Partnerships for Patient Safety**

**APPS: A channel for action in Africa**

African Partnerships for Patient Safety (APPS) is a WHO programme that has been driven by African political commitment. APPS responds to this regional political commitment and is focused on translating ...

**Patients for Patient Safety**

**Passion for change: The Entebbe Declaration**

Evidence has repeatedly shown that when patients are involved in their own care, the outcomes of this care are better than if they had not been involved. This concept is at the heart of the Patients for Patient Safety programme.

**Small Grants**

**Small Grants projects on the African continent**

The Research Small Grants, part of WHO Patient Safety Research and Knowledge Management, are currently supporting six research projects in Africa.

**Safe Surgery Saves Lives**

**Safe Surgery progress in Africa**

Safety in surgical care should not be limited by whether resources are available or not. Promoting and implementing safe surgery by using the WHO Surgical Safety Checklist in African hospitals ...

**Clean Care is Safer Care**

**Health care-associated infection in Africa**

In developing countries, including African ones, the HAI endemic burden is much higher in critically-ill patients admitted to intensive care units, where the incidence is at least 3 times higher than in ...

**WHO Patient Safety Curriculum Guide**

**Evaluating patient safety education in Africa**

Outcomes from the Ethiopian pilot study have confirmed that the WHO Patient Safety Curriculum Guide can support the introduction of patient safety teaching in to the curricula for all medical students.



**News in brief**

**Sir Liam Donaldson named WHO Envoy for Patient Safety**

In July 2011, Sir Liam Donaldson was named WHO Envoy for Patient Safety. In his role, Sir Liam will help WHO promote patient safety as a global health priority.

**Patient Safety research in Africa**

WHO Patient Safety conducted, from 2006 to 2008, a large-scale study involving 26 hospitals in six countries from the Eastern Mediterranean and two African countries, South Africa and Kenya.

**Online discussion "Using patient stories to drive change"**

Starting 24 October and for two weeks, Margaret Murphy, External lead of WHO Patients for Patient Safety, will lead an online discussion on the ISQua Knowledge portal.

**Recent WHO Patient Safety News Alerts**

**Reducing bloodstream infections**

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**Release of Multi-professional Patient Safety Curriculum Guide**

**Updates**

**Events**