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**Patient  
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**Medication Safety Webinar Series (Virtual)  
WHO Global Patient Safety Challenge: *Medication  
Without Harm***

**Look-alike Sound-alike (LASA) medicines**

**20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 14.00 – 15.30 hours CEST**

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**Tentative agenda**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker(s)</b>
14:00 – 14:10	Welcome remarks, Introduction to the Medication safety solution series and Look-alike Sound-alike (LASA) Medicines	Dr Neelam Dhingra Unit Head, Patient Safety Flagship, WHO headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland
14.10-14.20	Medication safety for LASA Medicines and launch of the document “Medication safety for Look-alike Sound-alike Medicines”	Sir Liam Donaldson WHO Patient Safety Envoy WHO headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland
14:20 – 14:30	Look-alike Sound-alike Medicines: Interventions to prevent errors	Dr Michel Cohen President Emeritus Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) United States of America
14:30 – 14:40	Role of healthcare workers in preventing LASA errors	Ms. Angela Carrington Lead Pharmacist for Medication Safety, for Health and Social Care Northern Ireland
14:40 – 14:50	Challenges of implementing safety solutions for LASA medicines in Low- and Middle-Income Countries	Dr. Priyadarshani Galappatthy, Professor of Pharmacology Faculty of Medicine University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
14.50 – 15.00	Regulators and manufacturer’s role in preventing errors	Dr. Chi-Ming (Alice) Tu Food and Drug Administration, United States of America
15.00 -15.10	Pharmacovigilance for medication errors including LASA errors	Dr Fumihito Takanashi Technical officer Pharmacovigilance Team, WHO headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland
15:10 – 15:25	Discussion	Panel discussion moderated by Sir Liam Donaldson
15:25 – 15:30	Closure and next steps	Dr Neelam Dhingra