



## **LONDON DECLARATION**

### **Patients for Patient Safety WHO Patient Safety**

**We**, Patients for Patient Safety, envision a different world in which healthcare errors are not harming people. We are partners in the effort to prevent all avoidable harm in healthcare. Risk and uncertainty are constant companions. So we come together in dialogue, participating in care with providers. We unite our strength as advocates for care without harm in the developing as well as the developed world.

**We** are committed to spread the word from person to person, town to town, country to country. There is a right to safe healthcare and we will not let the current culture of error and denial, continue. We call for honesty, openness and transparency. We will make the reduction of healthcare errors a basic human right that preserves life around the world.

**We**, Patients for Patient Safety, will be the voice for all people, but especially those who are now unheard. Together as partners, we will collaborate in:

- Devising and promoting programs for patient safety and patient empowerment.
- Developing and driving a constructive dialogue with all partners concerned with patient safety.
- Establishing systems for reporting and dealing with healthcare harm on a worldwide basis.
- Defining best practices in dealing with healthcare harm of all kinds and promoting those practices throughout the world.

In honor of those who have died, those left disabled, our loved ones today and the world's children yet to be born, we will strive for excellence, so that all involved in healthcare are as safe as possible as soon as possible. This is our pledge of partnership.

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