

PAHO Regional Patients for Patient Safety Workshop

8-12 May 2006

First Patients for Patient Safety Regional Workshop - PAHO

Building on the success of the first global Patients for Patient Safety Workshop held in London, UK in November 2005, this first regional event, in conjunction with the Pan American Health Organization, focused on the specific challenges that face patients, health professionals and policymakers in the Pan-American region (PAHO).

Participants were drawn from across the region including Brazil, Peru, Panama, Chile, Mexico, Argentina, USA and Canada. Participants will work in partnership with the WHO World Alliance for Patient Safety to advance patient safety in the PAHO region.

As the next step to further develop the work already done by the group of global champions formed in November 2005, the Alliance now wants to take the vision and values created by the global group and build regional capacity that is appropriate to the specific needs of each of the 6 WHO regions. As the first stage of the Patients for Patient Safety regional work, the WHO World Alliance for Patient Safety held the **PAHO Regional Patients for Patient Safety Workshop** from 8 to 12 May 2006 in San Francisco, USA, in conjunction with the National Patient Safety Foundation's (NPSF) 8th Congress.

The workshop aimed to:

- Orient participants to the field of patient safety and the work of the World Alliance for Patient Safety and Patient Safety within PAHO;
- Develop a regional strategy in North and South America that builds on and further develops the WHO/PFPS London Declaration, formulated at the first Global Patients for Patient Safety Workshop in November 2005
- Develop consumer champions who will work in effective partnerships with WHO; PAHO; international, national and regional and local policymakers; patient safety advocates and healthcare providers throughout North and South America
- Identify and implement programmes to accomplish specific prioritized Patient Safety goals for the PAHO region that are consistent with or complementary to the goals of the WHO World Alliance for Patient Safety
- Articulate values, principles and commitments that will govern the PFPS consumer partnerships in the PAHO region.