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Developing Strategic Approaches

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Conference Rationale

Medical Practitioners and Healthcare systems worldwide are becoming increasingly aware of the need to reduce adverse events in healthcare. Patient Safety is dependent upon all levels of healthcare-starting from the individual patient, and their practitioner, moving to the clinic or ward setting, to organisational and system levels. All are important and none can work in isolation. The Patient Safety movement has developed rapidly within the developed world. Developing and newly-developed countries have lagged behind in this respect.

The Medical Association of Malta and the Commonwealth Medical Association consider this to be a priority area and are organising a sensitisation workshop to address this rapidly evolving area. CMA will utilise its' unique network to bring together a community that mirrors the WHO Regional Groupings, thus facilitating post-conference regional networking and development.

The workshop will provide a comprehensive overview of the current state of play. It will facilitate participants' identification of priority areas for development within their own culture and environment. It also aims to identify various strategies for implementation. Various levels of expertise will be catered for, facilitating learning, development and networking.

Target audience:

Commonwealth National Medical Associations and a local audience including Specialist Societies, medical practitioners, and representatives of Maltese Health care NGOs.

Purpose of Meeting

1. To *sensitise* National Medical Associations (NMAs) regarding patient safety developments, particularly for countries that have so far had *limited exposure* to the Patient Safety movement, specifically *developing and newly-developed nations*.
2. ***At a local Maltese level to stimulate the development of a patient safety culture in Malta amongst medical practitioners and health care NGOs.***
3. To *promote international exchange* from a grass-roots level
4. To assist the *identification* of areas for patient safety on a Regional basis.
5. To assist the development of *prioritisation* on a Regional basis
6. To *describe the tools available* to assist the development of Patient Safety
7. To aid the development of an *Action Plan* for NMAs

Conference Language

The conference will be conducted in English

Accreditation

The Workshop will be accredited. Registered participants will receive, on request, an attendance certificate at the end of the Workshop

Acknowledgements

- European Social Fund
- The Commonwealth Secretariat
- The Patient Safety Unit of the World Health Organisation, Geneva,
- Ministry of Health, Malta
- Astra Zeneca, Novartis, St James Hospital Group-Malta, Les Laboratoires Servier
- SafePoint

Agenda

Thursday, 22nd February 2007

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| 08.00 Registration |
| 09.00 Welcome: <i>Dr Stephen Fava, Medical Association of Malta</i>
Introduction: <i>Prof A Akosa, Commonwealth Medical Association</i> |
| 09.15 Official Opening: <i>HE Dr Edward Fenech Adami, President of Malta</i> |

Session 1

Overview and Development of Patient Safety

Chairpersons: *Prof A Akosa, Commonwealth Medical Association*
Dr Stephen Fava, Medical Association of Malta

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| 09.30 Quality of Care and Patient Safety: the context, situation and evidence-base.
<i>Dr Myra K Tilney, Commonwealth Medical Association</i> |
| 10.00 Is it the System or is it the People? A Question at the Heart of the Patient
Safety Debate '. <i>Prof Jim Reason, University of Manchester</i> |
| 10.45 Pitfalls in Practice. <i>Dr Stephanie Bown, Medical Protection Society, UK</i> |

11.15 Coffee Break

Session 2

Policies and Patient Safety: Accountability and Learning Systems

Chairpersons: *Dr Datuk Krishnan, Commonwealth Medical Association*
Dr Martin Balzan, Medical Association of Malta

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| 11.45 The European Union and Patient Safety. <i>Prof. Andrej Robida. Patient Safety
Working Group of the European Commission</i> |
| 12.10 Reporting systems, National Medical Associations and developing a Safety
Culture. <i>Dr Jesper Poulsen, CPME/Standing Committee of European Doctors</i> |
| 12.40 No Fault Compensation system – The Finnish Experience. <i>Dr Heikki Pälve
Finnish Medical Association</i> |

13.15 Lunch – kindly sponsored by  **NOVARTIS**

Session 3

Ongoing Developments in Patient Safety

Chairpersons: *Dr EK Donaldson, Commonwealth Medical Association*
Dr Gordon Caruana Dingli, Association of Surgeons of Malta

14:30 International Aspects of Patient Safety and the work of the WHO World Alliance for Patient Safety. *World Alliance for Patient Safety, WHO*

15:00 Patient Safety in Developing countries-the Malaysian example.
Dr N Arumugam. World Medical Association

15:30 Traditional and Alternative Healthcare and Patient Safety. *Dr Archibald Ayitey Sittie. Centre for Scientific Research into Plant Medicine, Ghana*

16:00 Coffee

19:30 Reception very kindly hosted by the Ministry of Health and Care of the Elderly (by invitation)

Agenda **Friday, 23rd February 2007**

Plenary Session1

- 08:30 2007 AD: ? Switching to safer injections for all patients. *Marc Koska, SafePoint.*
- 09.0 Continuous Professional Development and Professionalism in quality patient care.
Dr. Edwin Borman, British Medical Association, Chairman International Committee
- 09:30 Is the Enforcement of Medical Ethics part of Patient Safety? *Dr. Michael Wilks, British Medical Association, Chairman representative body*
- 10.00 *What are the main challenges to be faced?*

10.15 – *Coffee*

Parallel Sessions

To be announced when the registrant list is finalized. Delegates will have the opportunity to make a 10 minute presentation addressing topics listed below

- 11.00 Regional Workgroups with external expertise available to identify the main patient safety problems for each NMA-Country. What is actually being done? Where do governments fit in? What about NMAs? Traditional and Alternative Healthcare and Patient Safety.
What could be done? Short and long term aims. Identify what could be addressed-scenario planning,
Consider which tools could be utilised in addressing these
Consider resources required for mobilisation. Feasibility
The role of guidelines in clinical practice
Safe delivery of blood products
Safe systems in infection control

- 12:15 *Workshops continue:*
Possible Outcomes:
Strategic development for individual NMAs
Guidelines for NMAs to introduce Patient Safety in their own areas
e.g. Nosocomial infection
Learning systems: Patient Safety in Education at all levels
Partnership with Patients

- 13.15 Lunch – kindly co-sponsored by



Plenary Session 2
Reports from the Workshops

14:30 Rapporteur Workshop 1: invited
Rapporteur Workshop 2: invited
Rapporteur Workshop 3: invited
Rapporteur Workshop 4: invited

15:30 Coffee

16:00 Open Forum Discussion: *What are the main challenges to be faced?*

16:30 Closing Remarks: *Dr L Deguara, Hon Minister of Health and the Care of the Elderly*

17:45 Close: *Prof Akosa, Commonwealth Medical Association*

Satellite Symposium: HIV Medication (by invitation)

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Chairpersons: *Dr Sundaram Arulrhaj, Commonwealth Medical Association*
Dr Mariella Borg Buontempo, Public Health, Malta

19:00 Anti-retroviral Medication in 2007 *Dr Tonio Piscopo*. St. Luke's Hospital Malta

19:30 ARVs for the Commonwealth people – *Dr. Joseph Amuzu* – Commonwealth Secretariat

20:00 Dinner

Other Useful Information

Travel documents

Citizens of the European Union and some other European countries may enter Malta with an identity card. For many countries, a valid passport is sufficient. Citizens of other countries, however, may have to apply for a visa and should therefore contact a Maltese High Commission or travel agencies in their home country for further information. In some countries visas will be issued upon presentation of a letter of invitation. Attendees wishing to avail themselves of this faculty should contact the Workshop Secretariat as soon as possible to request the necessary invitation.

Web site. All information concerning the workshop is available and continuously updated on the website of the Medical Association of Malta, where the registration forms can also be downloaded. **www.mam.org.mt**

Electricity supply

Voltage in Malta is 240 V. A transformer is needed for electrical and electronic equipment using different voltage.

Climate

The weather in Malta in February is usually temperate, with daytime average temperature of 15°C, and temperatures ranging from 9-19°C. There are an average of 6 hours of sunshine daily. www.visitmalta.com

Banking and currency exchange. Maltese currency is the Lira; currency may be exchanged at all major banks and within the airport. Banks are generally open from Monday to Friday from 8.30 am to 1.30 p.m.

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