WORLD ALLIANCE FOR PATIENT SAFETY DAY

9-10 December 2005
Moscow, Russian Federation

Alliance Day 2005

The World Alliance for Patient Safety was launched by the World Health Organization in 2004 with the aim of raising awareness and catalysing high-level support and commitment to tackle patient safety issues worldwide. As part of its annual programme, the World Alliance for Patient Safety committed to holding an Alliance Day every year to report on progress achieved and discuss new areas of action for improving the safety of care. This annual event aims to build on political momentum and strengthen commitment of interested countries, health care agencies and many other partners on the critical role of safety in care.

Each year, the Alliance Day takes place in a different WHO region. In 2004, the pre-launch Alliance Day took place in Shanghai, the People's Republic of China. This year's event will bring together key policy makers, NGOs and civil society groups from the WHO European Region as well as experts from around the world to discuss patient safety. Technical progress made at regional level will be highlighted with a particular focus on the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and Baltic countries.

Alliance Day 2005 will be held in Moscow, Russian Federation on 9 December and will be followed by a workshop on Saturday 10 December 2005 entitled "Institutionalization of Patient Safety: National and Hospital Perspective". The meeting and workshop will be conducted in both English and Russian with simultaneous interpretation in each language.

Participants

Alliance Day will bring together ministers of health and senior representatives from several countries of the European Region. Over 100 key international experts and policy makers, NGO's, patient groups, donors and health care professionals will attend the event. The World Alliance for Patient Safety will be represented by its Chair, Sir Liam Donaldson, senior staff from the Alliance Secretariat and a number of experts leading the programmes of the Alliance.

Sir Liam Donaldson, Chief Medical Officer of England will chair the Alliance Day. The program will include a keynote speech by Dr Vladimir Ivanovich Starodubov, Deputy Minister of Health of the Russian Federation and presentations by WHO regional offices offering a global perspective on the work countries in each region are doing to improve patient safety.

The Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation has nominated the Central Public Health Institute in Moscow to work closely with WHO in the preparations of Alliance Day.
Patient Safety Workshop

The Alliance Day meeting will be followed by a technical workshop on "Institutionalization of Patient Safety: National and Hospital Perspective" held at the Central Public Health Research Institute in Moscow. The workshop is expected to bring together 30 country representatives, senior medical directors from Moscow hospitals & clinics as well as WHO patient safety experts. All participants of the Alliance Day meeting are welcome to attend the workshop.

Background Information

The World Alliance for Patient Safety brings together policy-makers, experts and agencies from all over the world to improve patient safety as an important part of quality of care through monitoring, research, policy development and international collaboration in agreed priority areas. The Alliance work focuses on six main action areas:

- **The Global Patient Safety Challenge** for 2005-2006 is health-care associated infection with the theme: 'Clean Care is Safer Care';
- **Patients for Patient Safety**, mobilizes patients and patient organizations in implementing patient safety efforts worldwide;
- **Taxonomy for Patient Safety**, develops internationally acceptable data standards for collecting, coding and classifying adverse events and near misses;
- **Research for Patient Safety**, measures the nature of patient harm in developing and transitional countries and improving methodologies and tools for assessing the nature and extent of adverse events;
- **Solutions for Patient Safety** promotes existing patient safety interventions and actions worldwide and coordinates international efforts on future solutions;
- **Reporting and Learning** generates tools and guidelines for developing patient safety reporting systems and improving existing systems.

Please refer to the website of the Alliance for more information. [http://www.who.int/patientsafety](http://www.who.int/patientsafety)

Venues

**World Alliance Day meeting:**
Conference Center Extrapolis, Trekhprudny Per., 9, Moscow, 123001, Russia
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**Workshop:**
Central Public Health Research Institute, Moscow, Dovrolubova Street 11, Moscow 127254, Russia

Travel and Visa information

Most nationalities require a visa to enter The Russian Federation. If you require visa assistance, please complete required information on the Registration Form.

Please note that a limited number of hotel rooms are being held for participants at a special WHO rate. Please complete the Registration Form and return to Mrs Diliara Syunyakova of the WHO Representative Office in Moscow as soon as possible, taking into account the cut-off dates for the hotel bookings, which are listed in the Form.