

In this edition: How patient safety improvements can help achieve Millennium Development Goals



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Can improving health-care safety help us reach MDGs?

It is unacceptable that health care kills and harms. WHO Patient Safety delivers tools and support to aid and advance achievement of the new Global Strategy for Women and Children's Health.



Feature by guest writer Carla AbouZahr

Integrating safety in Millennium Development Goals

Integrating safety into care for women and children must be a core component of renewed efforts to attain the health-related MDGs.

Patients for Patient Safety

A patient-held tool for mothers

The Patients for Patient Safety team is creating a patient-held safety tool that will help increase safety for mothers and their newborn babies during the first seven days after birth, considered a high-risk period.



African Partnerships for Patient Safety

APPS: A powerful catalyst to address MDGs

Through a new approach and by addressing patient safety issues in innovative ways, the African Partnerships for Patient Safety Programme is a powerful catalyst for addressing MDGs within the African Region.



Research and Knowledge Management

Understanding problems and building capacity are key

Understanding the nature of unsafe care in low- and middle-income countries and building capacity at the local level are key steps towards achieving MDGs.



Checklists

Safe Childbirth Checklist: a tool to help achieve MDGs

The Safe Childbirth Checklist aims to help frontline health workers prevent avoidable childbirth-related deaths and illnesses. Developed by WHO Patient Safety and international experts in maternal-newborn health, it is currently being pilot tested in Karnataka, India.



News in brief

**SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands
5 May 2011 campaign**

This year's global annual hand hygiene campaign SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands is focused on knowing where your health-care facility stands on hand hygiene sustainability.

**New online research courses
in French**

In January 2011, the WHO Patient Safety Research team launched the French version of free online courses to introduce the basic elements of patient safety research.

**Understanding safety
in surgical robotics**

The SAFROS Project works at understanding patient safety in robotic surgery through the development of technologies and procedures to assist surgeons.

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Patient Safety News Alerts**

Health care-associated infections

Surgical Safety Checklist

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