Editorial by Sir Liam Donaldson
The right question for Africa
Why is it, though, that when the crisis of maternal, neonatal and child mortality in Africa is raised by global experts and policy wonks, the issue of safe health care is not discussed? The answer lies in the nature of the question.

Feature by guest writer Dr Sam Zaramba
Patient safety in Africa - Vision and realism
While African health systems have much to learn about safety, these same systems can also provide the world some clear insights into how to develop and nurture safe systems.

African Partnerships for Patient Safety
APPS: A channel for action in Africa
African Partnerships for Patient Safety (APPS) is a WHO programme that has been driven by African political commitment. APPS responds to this regional political commitment and is focused on translating …

Patience for Patient Safety
Passion for change: The Entebbe Declaration
Evidence has repeatedly shown that when patients are involved in their own care, the outcomes of this care are better than if they had not been involved. This concept is at the heart of the Patients for Patient Safety programme.

Small Grants
Small Grants projects on the African continent
The Research Small Grants, part of WHO Patient Safety Research and Knowledge Management, are currently supporting six research projects in Africa.

Safe Surgery Saves Lives
Safe Surgery progress in Africa
Safety in surgical care should not be limited by whether resources are available or not. Promoting and implementing safe surgery by using the WHO Surgical Safety Checklist in African hospitals …

Clean Care is Safer Care
Health care-associated infection in Africa
In developing countries, including African ones, the HAI endemic burden is much higher in critically-ill patients admitted to intensive care units, where the incidence is at least 3 times higher than in …

WHO Patient Safety Curriculum Guide
Evaluating patient safety education in Africa
Outcomes from the Ethiopian pilot study have confirmed that the WHO Patient Safety Curriculum Guide can support the introduction of patient safety teaching in to the curricula for all medical students.