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"CHEN" - Patients Fertility Association

The Israeli Health rights coalition

November 11th, 2014 – The first patients' rights national day in Israel

The Israeli patients' rights association leads the patients' rights and marked it on November 11th, 2014 in the Israeli parliament – the Knesset for the first time.

More than 75 delegates from all fields of patients associations, health funds, and hospitals gathered in the Knesset for a day of patients' rights accompanied with the members of Knesset (MK).

During the event "Health, labor and welfare Committee", held a special session dealt with the patient's right to receive continuity of care in the transition home from the hospital, and the importance of being the patient centered in his health care and the "State Control Committee" held a special session about the conflict between private medicine vs. public health.

At midday, a ceremony took place by the "Health Lobby" in Knesset with the participation of the minister of Health Mrs. Yael German. She blessed the participants and the organizing of a special day for such an important topic. The minister promised to keep patients' rights, add more doctors, nurses and beds to hospitals and keep a dialogue regarding the medication basket of Israel annual budget.

"The cooperation between the ministry of Health and patients is the most important and valued achievement and it will be for ever since patients are the member of the team for improving health care in Israel" said Mr. Shmuel Ben-Yaakov the chair of **The Israeli Health rights coalition**.

"Patients are the center of health care and should be valued as so" add Mrs. Ofra Balaban, the chair of CHEN – Patient fertility association. "It is so in EUROPE leading by IAPO and should be the same in Israel." MK that participated in the ceremony plenary mentioned the fact that patients' rights are the core value of every society and "we will all be there one day" said MK, Mr. Ilan Gilon.

The plenary of the Knesset held a discussion to mark the patient's' rights first national day in Israel:

MK Mrs. Shuli Mualem-Refaeli speaking in the meeting of The Knesset of Control special meeting for the patients' rights day:

Mrs. Chair. My colleague the minister of health, Mrs. Yael German my colleagues MK – today we mark the patients' rights first national day in Israel. It is the initiative of the Patients' rights' association. With the cooperation of the ministry of Health, many MKs and MK Ilan Gilon that together we chair the lobby for health inequality in the Knesset,

as well as many patients organizations that gathered here today. Today is a milestone that started a tradition for many years to come. Patients are the center of the health system in Israel and this is how we want the ministry of health to accept and promote health and prevent diseases.

The association for patients in Israel gathered few interesting results out of a survey being conducted recently: 85% of the public believed that they do not know his rights in the health system in Israel.

87.2% mentioned that they do not know to whom they should apply while understanding that their rights were harmed. These 2 results are very serious and we should focus on improving these results.

This day should have a slogan:
To know better (about patients' rights)

To demand more (rights for patients)

To receive more (rights that I am entitled to)

Via this day we wish to bring to our citizens the confidence and trust in the health system. The message is that every patient has the power to demand a change since we always say that health is not negotiable no matter what!

MK, Mrs. Pnina Tamanu-Shata – the vice chair of the Knesset speaker and the chair of the special hearing:

The increasing awareness is for patients' involvement in the medical procedure brought also to this day events. We are speaking about the needs of a patient that seeks health for his body and soul or both, that are valued to every human being. We are proud, as a modern state to be concerned about the patients' rights as we do about the freedom of every citizen.

Mrs. Yael German, The Israeli minister of Health:

It is the first time that we marked the national patients' rights day in our Knesset. We need information, knowledge and transparency. If we will not have information about our rights we won't be able to fulfill them and this is elementary and basic for every modern society. Our first goal is to increase awareness so every patient will know his or her right. The ministry of health has a new campaign "You all deserved your rights" - a website established to bring all patients' rights to the knowledge of every patient in Israel. The site was launched October 21st, 2014.

We will mark the national patients' rights day every year from now and many thanks to my colleagues MK Shuli Moalem-Refaeli and MK Ilan Gilon that they promote the patients' rights in the Knesset and promote the awareness to it in general.

MK Mr. Ilan Gilon:

I wish to bless all of us with good health as possible, preventive health and adequate health services to all. I always mention that at the end more people died of diabetic and hypertension than the Iranian nuclear power. It means that health is the first in priority to us.

The Israeli health rights association will monitor the activities of the ministry of health in the coming year and published it in our next year to come meetings.



Mrs. Shirly Zilber – the general Manager of **The Israeli Health rights coalition**. With **MK Mrs. Shuli Mualem-Refaeli**.



Mrs. Yael German , the Israeli Minister of Health- listen to patients.



A special meeting in the kensset committee.
Form the left: MK Pnina, MK **Mrs. Shuli Mualem-Refaeli** Mr. Shmuel Ben –Yaakov the chair of **The Israeli Health rights coalition**, **MK Mr. Ilan Gilon** and **MK Dr. Afu Agbaria**,



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Mrs. Yael German , the Israeli minister of Health with Mrs. Ofra Balaban – CHEN – Patient Fertility Association. With CHENs book for children what is surrogacy.