Patient safety will only be achieved when everyone gets involved

On Friday 7th December, patient advocates from across the world will rally together to mark the annual Patient Solidarity Day. As a movement, they will be united in a call for 'Safe Medication and Healthcare for All'.

Prominent patient organizations across the world are expected to join forces on Friday to raise awareness and call for renewed efforts to tackle the proliferation of poor quality medicines & medical products. This important, but often neglected public health problem, threatens the lives of millions both in low-and-middle-income and high-income countries. The campaign, run by the International Alliance of Patients' Organizations (IAPO), urges decision-makers to demonstrate their commitment to ensuring patients safety.

The subject of patient safety is one that concerns all patients regardless of disease or country, and it is now widely recognised that the drive for safer health care is a worldwide endeavour. Everyone, including patients and health care professionals, has a role to play in ensuring medication safety. The day will therefore aim to raise awareness and call for renewed efforts towards developing healthcare strategies that will guarantee safe medicines for all.

From lobbying Ministries of Health, marches and rallying, meetings of patients and stakeholders, patient groups around the world are planning on keeping up the pressure to ensure that safe medication and healthcare is guaranteed for all.

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Penney Cowan, IAPO's Chair, said:

"This Patient Solidarity Day, patient advocates across the globe are coming together in solidarity to raise awareness on and advocate for access to safe medication and healthcare for all.

Patients and health systems cannot afford the suffering and cost burden of poor medication and healthcare safety. This year IAPO is encouraging patients to be placed at the centre of healthcare decision-making by promoting a new partnership between patients, health workers, regulators and payers to address unsafe medication and healthcare in their countries."

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