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Health Awareness Days



World Patient Safety Day – September 17, 2024

[who.int](https://www.who.int)

World Patient Safety Day is an opportunity to raise public awareness and foster collaboration between patients, health workers, policymakers and health care leaders to improve patient safety.

This year the theme is “**Improving diagnosis for patient safety**” with the slogan “**Get it right, make it safe!**”, highlighting the critical importance of correct and timely diagnosis in ensuring patient safety and improving health outcomes.

A diagnosis identifies a patient’s health problem and is a key to accessing the care and treatment they need. A diagnostic error is the failure to establish a correct and timely explanation of a patient’s health problem, which can include delayed, incorrect, or missed diagnoses, or a failure to communicate that explanation to the patient.

Diagnostic safety can be significantly improved by addressing the systems-based issues and cognitive factors that can lead to diagnostic errors. Systemic factors are organizational vulnerabilities that predispose to diagnostic errors, including communication failures between health workers or health workers and patients, heavy workloads, and ineffective teamwork. Cognitive factors involve clinician training and experience as well as predisposition to biases, fatigue and stress.

WHO will continue to work with all stakeholders to prioritize diagnostic safety and adopt a multifaceted approach to strengthen systems, design safe diagnostic pathways, support health workers in making correct decisions, and engage patients throughout the entire diagnostic process.

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Progress on Patient Safety



The World Health Organization (WHO) has published the Global patient safety report 2024, which gives the first insight into the state of patient safety globally and highlights key areas for improvement. The report found that since the Global Patient Safety Action Plan (GPSAP) 2021–2030 was adopted in 2021, the implementation of policies, programs, and strategic interventions to improve patient safety is on track, although progress against several core indicators has been limited.

The landmark report provides a valuable, and previously unavailable, insight into the progress countries are making to prevent avoidable harm to patients and reduce risks through establishing systems to support safe practices, technologies and environments.

The report found that only around one third of countries have developed national action plans and programs for patient safety, despite patient safety being recognized as a global health priority. At the same time, over 70% of countries have made commendable progress in working towards establishing national programs for the occupational health and safety of health workers.

Patients' easy access to their medical records is fundamental to improving safety, and currently around 80% of countries have established procedures in place. However, globally, patient engagement and funding to implement patient safety interventions are areas of particular concern.

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Fact on Patient Safety



- Around 1 in every 10 patients is harmed in health care and more than 3 million deaths occur annually due to unsafe care. In low-to-middle income countries, as many as 4 in 100 people die from unsafe care (1).
- Above 50% of harm (1 in every 20 patients) is preventable; half of this harm is attributed to medications (2,3).
- Some estimates suggest that as many as 4 in 10 patients are harmed in primary and ambulatory settings, while up to 80% (23.6–85%) of this harm can be avoided (4).
- Common adverse events that may result in avoidable patient harm are medication errors, unsafe surgical procedures, health care-associated infections, diagnostic errors, patient falls, pressure ulcers, patient misidentification, unsafe blood transfusion and venous thromboembolism.
- Patient harm potentially reduces global economic growth by 0.7% a year. On a global scale, the indirect cost of harm amounts to trillions of US dollars each year (1).

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Patient Safety Quiz

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SASH Events in August 2024

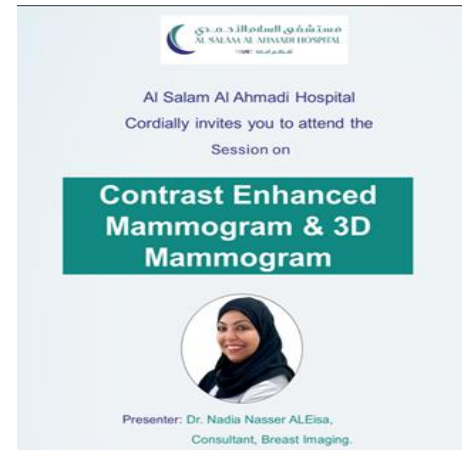
Title: 3D Mammography & Mammography with Contrast

Speaker: Dr. Nadia Nasser ALEisa

Date: 20th August 2024

Time: 1300 hrs.

Venue: SAHH Training Room and Microsoft Teams



Name of course: Junior Life Saver – First Aid for Kids

Speaker: MDC & Nursing Team

Duration Date: 21st July to 21st August 2024

Time: 1000 hrs. - 1200 hrs.

Venue: SASH Abdul Rahman Al Ateeqi Auditorium



Title of session: Nursing/OT Technician Orientation Program

Speaker: MDC Team, Infection Control Team, POCT Committee

Date: 24th – 29th August 2024

Time: 0800 hrs. – 1500 hrs.

Venue: SASH Abdul Rahman Al Ateeqi Auditorium



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