



World Patient Safety Day

17 September 2019



PATIENT SAFETY: A GLOBAL HEALTH PRIORITY SPEAK UP FOR PATIENT SAFETY!

Bhutan joins the global community to celebrate the first **World Patient Safety Day** on **17 September 2019**. The objective of World Patient Safety Day is to raise global awareness about patient safety and encourage global solidarity and action.

The **National Memorial Chorten** and **Buddha stupa, Kuensel Phodrang** in **Thimphu** will be lit up in orange in recognition of the first **Patient Safety Day**.

Ministry of Health with support from the **World Health Organization** will observe the day on **17 September** at the following health facilities;

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| 1. Jigme Dorji Wangchuck National Referral Hospital, Thimphu | 2. Phuentsholing Hospital; |
| 3. Eastern Regional Referral Hospital, Mongar | 4. Trashigang Hospital |
| 5. Central Regional Referral Hospital, Gelephu; | 6. Samtse Hospital; |
| 7. Tsirang Hospital | 8. Paro Hospital. |

To mark the event, patients and attendants will be provided with the opportunity to share their grievances/opinion about the services provided by the hospital.

Suggestions for the improvement of the health care services will be appreciated.

There will be dedicated counsellors and suggestion boxes at the aforementioned hospitals for feedback. Confidentiality will be maintained to encourage participation.

No one should be harmed while receiving health care. People are encouraged to speak up for patient safety and join the global solidarity to promote patient safety!

HOW CAN YOU ENHANCE PATIENT SAFETY

If you are.....

Patient or care giver

Be involved, ask questions, provide accurate health history.

Public health Advocate or Patient Organization

Promote patients' voices in their own safe care, advocate for required safety

Professional Association, international organizational, or Foundation

Promote patient safety for Universal Health Coverage (UHC), provide learning and development opportunities

Health worker or health leader

Engage patients, ensure continuous professional development, create openness and transparency in practice, be blame-free

Policy maker

Invest in patient safety for financial savings and saving lives, make patient safety a priority

Research Student, academic, or professional institution

Generate evidence to improve patient safety, incorporate patient safety in to curricula.

Patient Safety: a global health priority

WHO launched the first World Patient Safety Day campaign on 17 September 2019.

194 countries came together to establish this day at the 72nd World Health Assembly in May 2019.



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