

Patient Safety Day 2025 ✨

Setting the scene

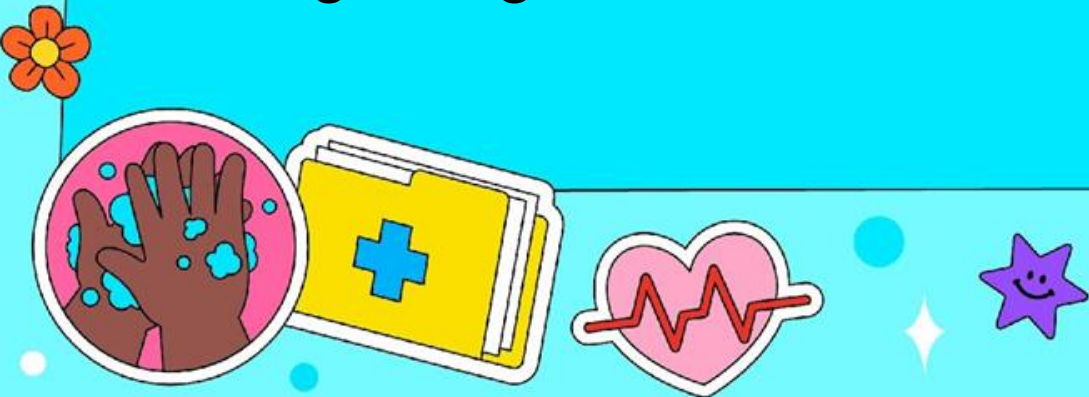
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Why the Theme:



- Safe care for every newborn and every child.
“Patient safety from the start!”.
- A reminder of the profound responsibility HCWs, Families and communities to protect the youngest and most vulnerable among us.
- Every child deserves safe, quality health care — from the very beginning.



Background



- Newborns and young children face unique risks due to their rapid development, evolving health needs, different disease patterns and reliance on adults.
 - Further compounded by socio-economic barriers.
- World Health Day 2025 theme: **Healthy beginnings, Hopeful futures.**
- Focus on ending preventable deaths of newborns and children
- Aligned with global efforts:
 - Every Woman, Every Newborn, Everywhere Action Plan
 - Child Survival Action Initiative
 - Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health 2016-2030



Major causes of harm in paediatric care

- Medication errors
- Diagnostic errors
- Health care associated infections
- Surgical errors
- Missed warning signs



Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021–2030



- Vision - A world in which no patient is harmed in health care, and everyone receives safe care, every time, everywhere.
- First do no Harm
- Governments and Partners to design safer clinical processes, build workforce competencies, engage patients and families, and create learning systems that prevent harm.

The accelerate progress and safeguard children



- Raise national awareness of safety risks in paediatric and newborn care, ensuring the needs of children, families and caregivers are recognized in every health setting.
- Mobilize action among health managers, professional bodies, organizations and civil society to adopt sustainable strategies for safer care.
- Empower parents, caregivers and children through education, awareness and meaningful participation in care.
- Invest in research and innovation to strengthen the evidence base for safer care.

Implementation solutions

- National Quality Policies and Strategies.
- Embed patient safety action plans and interventions such as Infection Prevention and Control.
- Strengthen Health systems
- Empower families, caregivers and children to actively participate in care



Conclusion

- Nobody should be harmed while seeking care
- Place safety at the heart of care

Healthier beginnings and more hopeful futures for all children in South Africa.



Thank you

