

The European Patient Safety Foundation (EUPSF) is an independent foundation, uniting experts and leading organisations to drive patient safety forward across Europe.



VISION

Patient safety and quality of care are the top priorities of everyone involved in healthcare and life sciences.

MISSION

The EUPSF drives forward the improvement of patient safety and quality of care across Europe by: empowering people, driving change and fostering collaboration.

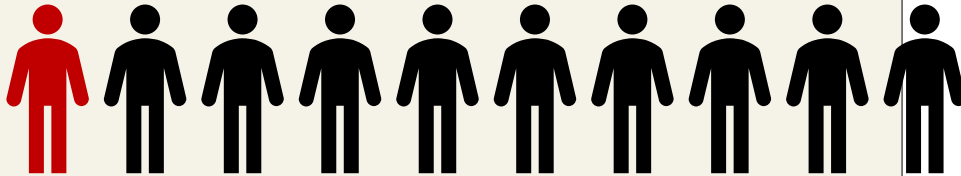
ACTIVITIES

- Annual Patient Safety Conference - <https://conference.eupsf.org>
- Fighting Fatigue Together Campaign - www.fightingfatiguetogether.org
- Participation in EU Projects & advocacy Alliances - www.eupsf.org/collaborations
- Quarterly Patient Safety Newsletter - www.eupsf.org/news

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WHY TALK ABOUT PATIENT SAFETY



1 in every 10 patients is harmed in health care.¹



4 in every 10 patients is harmed in primary and outpatient care.¹

15% of hospital expenditure, and almost 13% of health spending, amounting to \$606 billion across the OECD is attributed to treating patient safety failures in rich countries.²

50%

Above 50% of harm (1 in every 20 patients) is preventable.¹

1. WHO Global Patient Safety Report 2024; ISBN 978-92-4009545-8

2. OCED (2023) "Advancing Patient Safety Governance in the Covid-19 Response"

COMMON SOURCES OF PATIENT HARM

- Medication errors ← half of the avoidable harm
- Surgical errors
- Health care-associated infections
- Sepsis
- Diagnostic errors
- Patient falls
- Venous thromboembolism (blood clots)
- Pressure ulcers
- Unsafe transfusion practices
- Patient misidentification
- Unsafe injection practices

FACTORS LEADING TO PATIENT HARM

SYSTEM AND ORGANIZATIONAL FACTORS

the complexity of medical interventions, inadequate processes and procedures, disruptions in workflow and care coordination, resource constraints, **inadequate staffing** and competency development;

TECHNOLOGICAL FACTORS

issues related to health information systems, such as problems with electronic health records or medication administration systems, and **misuse of technology**;

HUMAN FACTORS AND BEHAVIOUR:

communication breakdown among health care workers, within health care teams, and with patients and their families, ineffective teamwork, **fatigue, burnout**, and cognitive bias;

PATIENT-RELATED FACTORS:

limited health literacy, lack of **patient engagement** and non-adherence to treatment;

EXTERNAL FACTORS:

absence of policies, inconsistent regulations, economic and financial pressures, and challenges related to natural environment.



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European Collaborative Campaign launched in April 2023



Key figures:

With > 20 supporting organisations directly representing in total more than **320.000 HCW**

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IMPLEMENTATION OF TECHNOLOGIES

HEALTHCARE SYSTEM RESILIENCE

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