



Call for Participants

World Health Organization Seeks Patient and Consumer Partners to Participate in International Patient Safety Workshop

Patients for Patient Safety, one of six action areas of the WHO World Alliance for Patient Safety, is running a *Patients for Patient Safety Workshop* to be held November 27th – December 1st 2005 in London, UK.

Patients for Patient Safety is now seeking applications to participate in the workshop from interested patients and consumers in developed, transitional and developing nations around the world.

The main objective of the workshop is to recruit and develop a core group of between fifteen and twenty-four proactive patient and consumer partners who are or wish to become champions in advancing patient safety in their region. Results of the workshop will be shared with others in the international patient safety community and across the World Alliance of Patient Safety.

“Our goal is to convene patients and consumers who have had experience with medical error and are dedicated to improving the safety of care,” said Susan E. Sheridan, who is leading the Patients for Patient Safety action area. “We are particularly interested in hearing from patients and consumers who have already found ways to work constructively with others,” she added. We’ll work together intensively to capture their insights and build on their experience of contributing to patient safety. In so doing, we hope to identify new partners and develop new tools useful in the patient safety work of WHO and its member nations.”

“By definition, patients and consumers of health care are at the very centre of the quest to improve patient safety,” said Sir Liam Donaldson, Chair of the World Alliance for Patient Safety. “This workshop represents a major opportunity to put patients and consumers at the centre of the international movement to improve patient safety.”



