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zero preventable deaths by 2020

Patient Safety Movement Applauds the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) & MedStar Health for Developing the CANDOR Toolkit

Irvine, California - June 16, 2016 The Patient Safety Movement Foundation (PSMF) recommends that healthcare organizations around the world implement the Communication and Optimal Resolution (CANDOR) online toolkit published by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). AHRQ selected MedStar to develop and pilot the toolkit for the CANDOR program. The online toolkit can help organizations create a culture of safety that focuses on organizational accountability; caring for the patient, family, and caregiver; in-depth event investigation and analysis; fair resolution when harm occurs; and learning from every harm event

MedStar Health, the largest health system in the mid-Atlantic region, has been a committed member of the Patient Safety Movement since 2013. MedStar was selected to help develop and pilot the toolkit for the CANDOR program because of its system-wide commitment to achieving zero preventable harm. MedStar is an example of a healthcare system that embraces transparency and is adopting practices to immediately communicate with patients and families when serious unanticipated outcomes occur. In addition to MedStar, the CANDOR process was implemented and tested at Christiana Care in Delaware and Dignity Health in California.

The CANDOR process was based off the Seven Pillars program developed at the University of Illinois, Chicago, also supported by a 2010 AHRQ demonstration grant, part of the Obama Administration's commitment to reducing both preventable harm in healthcare and medical liability claims. The CANDOR online toolkit provides a framework to assess readiness, get buy-in from key stakeholders including liability insurers, and expedite supportive, time sensitive responses to unexpected patient harm events.

The toolkit is available to hospitals and health leaders at no charge. Hospitals that have implemented CANDOR have seen improved patient safety outcomes, improved patient satisfaction scores by engaging patients and families throughout the CANDOR process and have experienced a reduction in medical liability claims. Hospitals involved in the 2010 AHRQ demonstration grants demonstrated the following results:

- 40 percent reduction in preventable medical harm events
- 40 percent decline in the number of malpractice claims
- 80 percent decrease in self-insured fund set-aside (\$40 million to \$8 million)
- 80 percent reduction in time to settle cases
- 20 percent reduction in services associated with defensive medicine

"The Patient Safety Movement Foundation recognized the significance of this work from day one and we appreciate their continued support in helping us educate the healthcare community on the benefits of CANDOR. Dealing with unintentional patient harm transparently and forthrightly is not only the right thing to do but is also critical to our ability to learn and make improvements to our care systems and processes," said David Mayer, MD, MedStar Vice President for Quality and Safety. "Since MedStar Health began using CANDOR principles as a key component of its safety program, the health system has seen its rate of serious safety events cut in half. Even with this significant progress, MedStar Health will not be satisfied until we have achieved zero preventable harm."

"We are extremely grateful and proud of the work Dr. Mayer and MedStar Health are doing in collaboration with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality," said Joe Kiani, Founder of the Patient Safety Movement Foundation. "The unfortunate truth is that at many health institutions, a 'wall of silence' goes up whenever a patient is harmed during care. By promoting a culture of open communication, empathy and transparency, CANDOR processes will not only help patients and their families get through an agonizing tragedy, but ultimately lead to fewer preventable deaths by revealing and reporting how these deaths occur. CANDOR is a vital step toward our goal of zero preventable deaths by 2020."

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European Society of Anaesthesiology Partners with Patient Safety Movement to Lead the Movement to Zero Preventable Deaths in Europe

London, England & Irvine, California - June 6, 2016 The European Society of Anaesthesiology (ESA) and the Patient Safety Movement Foundation announced today that on May 28, 2016 at the annual congress Euroanaesthesia 2016 in London, the ESA made a public commitment to lead the Patient Safety Movement in over 50 countries in Europe.

"As clinicians, our number one focus is Patient Safety," said Dr. Zeev Goldik, President of the European Society of Anaesthesiology. "Since its launch in 2010, the Helsinki Declaration on Patient Safety in Anaesthesiology has been signed and/or supported by regional and national anaesthesiology societies across the globe, from Europe, North America, Latin America, Australasia, Asia and Africa. Our Society was the initiator and one of the founding societies of the European Patient Safety Foundation (EUPSF) in 2013. We have been closely following the remarkable efforts made by the Patient Safety Movement. The Movement reached out to us as a partner and we accepted with a commitment to lead the movement in Europe to eliminate preventable patient deaths."

"The time for action is now," said Dr. Jannicke Mellin-Olsen, Secretary of the ESA, and a driving force for the Helsinki Declaration. "Europe is formed by a very diverse group of countries, governments, policies and regulations. As anaesthesiologists, we are taking care of the best interests of the patients whenever they are at their most vulnerable. We need to work at many levels, including inspiring everyone in the healthcare sector to take action and make their own personal commitment to patient safety and zero preventable deaths. We cannot leave this issue to someone else to solve. We are excited to formally begin our relationship with the Patient Safety Movement and complement our position as the European expert and leader in patient safety and quality of care. Anaesthesiologists have the key and leading role in the implementation of safer patient care in perioperative medicine, before, during and after surgery."

"We thank the ESA for joining the Patient Safety Movement. ESA is a thoughtful and powerful organization that with over 32,000 members will make a huge difference in eliminating preventable deaths worldwide," said Joe Kiani, Founder of Patient Safety Movement. Mr. Kiani continued "What clinicians do is incredible; they provide the miracle of healing. Yet, due to lack of safety processes, some of the patients don't make it home. Their families will never be the same again, and sometimes the world will never be the same again. Preventable deaths in hospitals is the 3rd leading cause of death. We lose 3 million people each year! It's a tragedy 3 million times over again. Yet, it's a huge opportunity because by definition they are preventable. But, it won't get fixed by itself, and it won't get fixed by a handful of patient safety experts. It has to be fixed by each and every one of us. All of us in the healthcare ecosystem must act now! Each of us has to decide that we have to be the one to take on this burden and lead the charge to zero preventable deaths in our hospitals. We can't afford to lose another friend, family or neighbor before their time."

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Medtronic Signs the “Open Data Pledge” to Share Data to Improve Patient Safety

Irvine, California - November 2, 2016 The Patient Safety Movement Foundation (PSMF) today announced that Medtronic, a leading global healthcare solutions company, has joined a growing list of healthcare technology companies that have signed the Patient Safety Movement’s public pledge to share their data to promote patient safety. In addition, Medtronic committed \$5 Million to the PSMF over a five-year period, and Medtronic’s CEO, Omar Ishrak, will join Patient Safety Movement’s Board of Directors.

By signing this Open Data Pledge, Medtronic pledges to allow access to all available acute clinical data generated by their products used in hospitals and in outpatient practice settings to interested parties that want to use them to help minimize preventable patient complications and death. When companies share the data of their products, it provides researchers and entrepreneurs with critical information to develop and accelerate solutions to improve patient care. This information includes predictive algorithms that can notify clinicians and patients of possible dangerous trends - allowing for intervention earlier.

“At Medtronic, we’re committed to improving the lives of people through our medical technologies and services. Joining the Patient Safety Movement is a natural fit,” said Omar Ishrak, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Medtronic plc. “We are very impressed by the progress the Patient Safety Movement has made in focusing the healthcare industry on eliminating preventable deaths. To get to zero preventable deaths, all parties will have to work together. Our pledge is to work closely with the Patient Safety Movement Foundation and share our data to help eliminate preventable deaths.”

“We are very happy to have Medtronic join the Patient Safety Movement. Medtronic has a rich history in making technologies that improve patient care, with products throughout hospitals, that will now be able to feed data into each Patient’s Data Superhighway for the benefit of each patient,” said Joe Kiani, Founder of the Patient Safety Movement Foundation. “We are equally excited to have Omar join our Board. Omar is a visionary leader, and we know he will be a valued member of our Board,” continued Joe Kiani. “Medtronic’s pledge and grant will greatly help us achieve our goal of zero preventable deaths by 2020. We are now a giant step closer to creating the Patient Data Superhighway that will significantly improve patient safety. Data sharing is an inevitable part of the science and business of medical innovation. It is the right thing to do, and visionary companies are beginning to realize how important it is to share data. We commend Medtronic for putting patient safety first and joining us to eliminate preventable deaths in hospitals.”

Patient Safety Movement is a commitment-based organization that asks hospitals to implement processes to avoid human errors becoming fatal and asks healthcare technology companies to share the data their products are purchased for, without disclosing their proprietary algorithms or protected data and subject to applicable patient privacy laws. Companies can make their pledge online at <http://patientsafetymovement.org/challenges-solutions/commitments-pledges/healthcare-technology-pledges/>. To date, the following 63 companies have pledged to share their data:

- AdmetSYS
- Airstrip
- ATL Technology, LLC
- BD Intelliport
- Bernoulli Health
- BrainStem Biometrics
- Cercacor
- Cerner
- Certa Dose
- CHARTSaaS.org
- Codonics
- CorCardia Group Inc.
- CRG Medical
- CrossChx
- DebMed
- Deltex
- Dräger
- Dynalabs
- EarlySense
- eBroselow, LLC
- ExCor Technologies, LLC
- GE Healthcare
- Healthcentrix
- HeartIn
- Hyginex
- IBM Watson Health
- ICUcare LLC

- Innara Health
- IRadimed
- KnectIQ Inc.
- Kolkin Corp
- LiDCO Group
- LumiraDx
- Masimo
- Medical Intelligence
- Medical Simulation
- Medtronic
- Modulated Imaging
- Monarch Medical
- NeurOptics
- NGPod Global
- Oracle
- Patient Valet
- PerceptiMed
- Philips Healthcare
- Predixion
- Rapid Healthcare
- RGP Healthcare
- RightPatient
- S.E.A. Medical Systems, Inc.
- Securisyn Medical
- Smiths Medical
- SonoSite Inc.
- Sotera Wireless
- STANLEY Healthcare
- Stibo Systems
- SurgiCount Medical, Inc.
- Talis Clinical
- The SafeCare Group
- True Process
- Welch Allyn
- Zoex
- Zoll Medical

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Florida's Parrish Medical Center Is the First Hospital to Commit to All 12 Actionable Patient Safety Solutions (APSS)

Irvine, California - December 1, 2016 The Patient Safety Movement Foundation (PSMF) is very proud to announce that Parrish Medical Center in Titusville, Florida, has become the first hospital to make formal commitments that align with all 12 Actionable Patient Safety Solutions (APSS) toward eliminating preventable patient deaths by 2020 (0X2020). Earlier this year, Parrish Medical Center made nine commitments through which 85 lives will be saved. Parrish was named one of the winners of PSMF's annual competition to win a private fishing trip with former President Jimmy Carter and First Lady Rosalynn Carter for their estimated projection of "lives saved."

In October, Parrish Medical Center's Controller, Michael Sitowitz, joined President and First Lady Carter on a private fishing trip in the North Georgia Mountains. They were joined by four other individuals who have contributed significantly to the Foundation's expansion, both domestically and internationally: Dr. Yisrael Safeek of the SafeCare Group; Dr. Robert Kamei and Dr. Michelle Thai, the Foundation's Regional Network Co-Chairs in Asia; and Dr. Javier Davila, the Regional Network Chair in Mexico. Parrish Medical Center will announce their commitments at the 5th Annual World Patient Safety, Science & Technology Summit, February 3-4, 2017, at Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort and Spa in Dana Point, California.

Since its inception, the Patient Safety Movement Foundation has worked with medical safety experts from around the world to develop a series of simple and easy to follow processes to some of the most common patient safety challenges that hospitals face today. These processes, called Actionable Patient Safety Solutions (APSS), can be adapted to almost any clinical setting, anywhere in the world. There are currently 12 patient safety challenges, and Parrish Medical Center has made a total of 16 commitments that align with all 12 APSS categories, resulting in 142 total lives saved so far in 2016.

"As a responsible medical provider on Florida's east coast, Parrish Medical Center has always put patient care and safety first," said Edwin Loftin, Vice President of Acute Care/CNO at Parrish Medical Center. "We are honored to be a part of such a vital movement. The APSS make it easy for medical professionals, in any setting, to follow step-by-step, evidence-based and cost-saving procedures that will spare thousands of families the tragic, yet preventable loss of a loved one."

"I remember President Carter asking me why we hadn't committed to all 12 APSS," said Michael Sitowitz, Controller at Parrish Medical Center. "I paused and thought, 'That's a good question.' Once we got back from our trip, we went to work on completing the remaining three commitments. It was an honor to meet the former President and First Lady and it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience and we left recharged to do even more."

"We are impressed to see Parrish make a commitment for every one of our APSS. They are leading the way as an excellent example of an organization that is committed to putting patient safety first," said Joe Kiani, Founder of the Patient Safety Movement Foundation. "We are proud of the 1,624 hospitals that have made a formal commitment to reach zero preventable deaths by the year 2020. I respectfully challenge every hospital to incorporate all 12 APSS in the upcoming year—it is imperative if we are to reach our goal of zero preventable deaths by 2020. Unlike over 200,000 families, that have lost loved ones due to a medical error last year, the lives saved by these commitments allow someone's mother, father, child or loved one to be a part of their lives."

"We are extremely grateful to former President Carter and First Lady Rosalynn for once again offering this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to celebrate the winners and lives they will save," continued Kiani. "Through their leadership,

the Carter Center has helped to improve the quality of life for people in more than 80 countries. When they started, Guinea Worm Disease afflicted an estimated 3.5 million people a year in 21 countries in Africa and Asia. Today, they have taken this number down to 22 cases. We had some deep discussions on how we can expedite our efforts to help eliminate the 3 million preventable patient deaths in the developed world and 17,000,000 preventable deaths in the developing world.”

Mr. Kiani concluded, “We hope to be announcing soon the next fishing trip with President Carter and First Lady Rosalynn; so please go save our neighbors, friends, and loved ones from preventable deaths and enter into our next Fishing Trip competition. Stay tuned...”

For a list of commitments, please visit <http://patientsafetymovement.org/commitments-list/>.

The 12 APSS and Parrish’s commitment(s) for each one are as follows:

1. Creating a Culture of Safety

Parrish commits to a Culture of Safety surrounding resuscitation optimization, in which they will implement a system of all call rapid response to promote patient and family involvement in calling rapid response as well as any staff member.

2. Healthcare-associated Infections

Parrish commits to:

1. Maintaining zero Indwelling Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections
2. Achieve zero level hospital onset LAB ID event for MRSA bloodstream infection and Clostridium difficile infection
3. Maintain zero Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infection events (CLABSI)
4. Maintain zero Ventilator Associated Event with Infection (VAE) events
5. Achieve zero deep Surgical Site Infection events for colon and hysterectomy procedures.

3. Medication Errors

Parrish commits to antimicrobial stewardship to achieve optimal clinical outcomes related to antimicrobial use.

4. Monitoring for Opioid-Induced Respiratory Depression

Parrish commits to monitoring for opioid induced respiratory depression & deploying systems, assessment, intervention, electronic medical record (EMR), and equipment.

5. Anemia and Transfusion

Parrish commits to using evidence-based information to drive changes that minimize the use of allogeneic blood while maximizing patient outcomes.

6. Hand-off Communications

Parrish commits to distribute “Baby Boxes” to families post-delivery to decrease the incidence of co-bedding and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) through education and emphasis on SAFE SLEEP practices.

7. Suboptimal Neonatal Oxygen Targeting

Parrish commits to utilize evidenced based best practice initiatives to improve patient outcomes and protocols for optimal oxygenation in newborns. Policies and protocols will continuously be updated and reviewed to reflect the monitoring of all resuscitations and oxygen administration in both term and pre-term newborns.

8. Failure to Detect Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD)

Parrish commitment: Critical Congenital Heart Disease Screening in Newborns

9. Airway Safety

Parrish commits to develop and deploy a comprehensive, team-based pathway and implement EBP to prevent delayed, missed, or lost airways.

10. Early Detection of Sepsis

Parrish commits to adopt key initiatives for early detection of sepsis, reduction in variation of care for this patient population, improved compliance with the Early Management Bundle, and severe Sepsis/Septic Shock.

11. Optimal Resuscitation

Parrish commits to deploy a system that supports early recognition of subtle changes in patient condition which allows for early intervention.

12. Optimizing Obstetric Safety

Parrish commits to optimize obstetric safety specifically in the care of pregnant women with Hypertensive disorders. The initiative will include a system of risk assessment, protocols, medication management and documentation.

Commitments that fall outside of current PSMF APSS categories include:

1. Zero falls with injury for patients
2. Maintain zero hospital-acquired stage III and IV pressure ulcers

Parrish Medical Center

Parrish Medical Center (PMC) is a public, nonprofit, acute care hospital in Titusville, Florida, within sight of the launch towers of Kennedy Space Center. PMC has been nationally recognized for clinical care quality, patient safety, low cost, and overall patient experience. It has committed to zero preventable patient deaths caused by indwelling Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI), Surgical Site Infection for colon resection and total abdominal hysterectomy procedures, methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), Clostridium difficile infection (CDI), and Sepsis, among many other potential causes.

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Patient Safety Movement Announces Three New Patient Safety Challenges

Irvine, California - June 15, 2016 The Patient Safety Movement Foundation announced three new patient safety challenges at its Midyear Planning Meeting co-convened with Inova. The 2016 Midyear Planning Meeting brought together over 100 medical experts, administrators, patient advocates and government officials from around the world for presentations and discussions on critical topics in patient safety. The meeting concluded with a discussion and vote to select the new challenges where patient death can be easily prevented if proper protocols are followed during patient care. Attendees nominated 15 new challenges. They voted to include the following three challenges as the next most pressing issues in patient safety:

- Venous Thromboembolism (VTE)
- Mental Health
- Pediatric Adverse Drug Events

The three new challenges will be added to the current list of 12 challenges and Actionable Patient Safety Solutions (APSS), and addressed at the Patient Safety Movement's 5th Annual World Patient Safety, Science and Technology Summit in February 2017.

This year the keynote address was given by Dr. Jeffrey Shuren, Director for the Center for Devices and Radiological Health at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Other guest speakers included: Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, United States Senator for Rhode Island; Dr. Charles Murphy, Chief Patient Safety Officer, Dr. Scott Betzelos, Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, and Dr. Emily Marko, Medical Director for Advanced Medical Simulation at Inova; Dr. Teodoro Forcht Dagi, Chairman of the Council in Surgical and Perioperative Care; Dr. Rollin Fairbanks, Director of the National Center for Human Factors in Healthcare at MedStar Institute for Innovation; Conrad Grant, Chief Engineer at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory; and Dr. Michael Grant, Assistant Professor and Director of Enhanced Recovery After Surgery at the Cardiac Anesthesia and Surgical Critical Care in Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Topics included:

- Team Training to Improve Patient Safety
- The Use of Simulation in Improving Patient Safety
- Communication for Safety
- Human Factors Engineering
- System Engineering
- Principles of High Reliability Organizations

"This was the best Midyear Planning meeting yet. We couldn't be happier with the outcomes and are grateful for the participation and contributions of all those in attendance," said Joe Kiani, Founder & Chairman of the Patient Safety Movement Foundation. "We are making great progress, but still have much work to do. Like the other 12 challenges we have addressed with our Actionable Patient Safety Solutions, VTE, mental health, and pediatric adverse drug events, have processes to prevent human errors from becoming fatal. But, these processes are sometimes made unduly complicated and significantly underused by hospitals in our country and around the world. We look forward to working with experts in each category to create easy to implement APSS for these new challenges. We firmly believe that if every hospital in the world adopts these APSS, we will be able to eliminate preventable patient deaths."

Joe Kiani continued, "We thank Inova for co-convening this midyear planning meeting with us. We also want to thank Senator Sheldon Whitehouse for introducing the 'Patient Safety Improvement Act of 2016 (S. 2467)'. If it becomes law, this will be a huge step towards reducing preventable deaths. We are also encouraged by the direction the FDA is moving in creating a new regulatory paradigm with their National Evaluation System (NEST) for new innovations. We believe this will speed up our nation's access to innovations that can save lives and at the same time, maintain patient safety as a priority."

Venous Thromboembolism

Venous thromboembolism, consisting of deep vein thrombosis (blood clot formation in a deep vein) and pulmonary embolism (a blood clot that travels to the lungs), is one of the most common preventable cause of hospital-related death. It is estimated that more than 50,000 patient deaths in the United States are attributed to VTE. For example, when a blood clot travels to the lungs, patients have 30% to 60% chance of dying from it.

Mental Health

Approximately 61.5 million Americans experience a mental illness in any given year. Outcomes of mental health care provided in hospitals lag behind outcomes achieved in large trials of evidence-based treatments. Recipients of mental health treatment are more vulnerable to unintended harm and less likely to advocate for themselves. Areas of potential harm include misdiagnosis, insufficient treatment, adverse drug reactions, harm resulting from seclusion and restraint and incidence of suicide. Between 1970 and 2000, the number of public psychiatric hospital beds dropped from 207 beds per 100,000 people to just 21 (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality). A 2010 survey of 603 hospital emergency department administrators by the Schumacher Group found that 56% of emergency departments (ED) are "often unable" to transfer behavioral patients to inpatient facilities in a timely manner.

Pediatric Adverse Drug Events

The Patient Safety Movement already has a Medication Errors APSS but it was determined that Pediatric and Neonatal Adverse Drug Events needs to be a separate focus. Adverse drug reactions (ADR) in children can have a significantly more severe effect when compared to adults. ADRs can lead to prolonged hospitalization, permanent disability or death. The error rates are highest in the neonatal intensive care unit. Children are usually less able to physiologically tolerate a medication error due to still developing renal, immune and hepatic functions. Children cannot communicate effectively to clinicians regarding any adverse effects that medication may be causing. Common errors include improper dosing, omission errors, unauthorized/wrong drug, prescribing errors, wrong administration technique, incorrect preparation, wrong dosage form, and wrong route. Additionally, many health care settings are primarily built around the needs of adults and lack trained staff oriented to pediatric care.

The Patient Safety Movement Foundation will address these new challenges at the 5th annual World Patient Safety, Science and Technology Summit on February 3 & 4, 2017 at Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort and Spa in Dana Point, California. The Summit brings together clinicians, patient advocates, hospital administrators, safety officers, medical technologists, public policy experts and government officials from around the world to commit to eliminating preventable patient deaths by the year 2020. At the last summit, the Foundation reported that commitments representing over 1,600 hospitals resulted in 24,643 lives saved in 2015. The Patient Safety Movement also reported in January nearly 50 companies signed the Open Data Pledge to share their data to promote patient safety through interoperability. The Foundation is looking to double these numbers in 2016. This year, the Foundation has established Regional Networks to mobilize leaders across the world to reach more hospitals, so they can reach their goal of ZERO preventable deaths by 2020. Currently, 19 Regional Network Chairs representing over 60 countries are positioned across the world to gather momentum for the Movement. Recently, the Patient Safety Movement announced that the European Society of Anesthesiology (ESA) is working with the Foundation to lead patient safety efforts across Europe.

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World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA) Signs Commitment to Support Patient Safety Movement's Mission of Zero Patient Deaths by 2020

Irvine, California - October 18, 2016 The World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA) has signed a commitment to action and announced that it will support the Patient Safety Movement Foundation (PSMF) and its mission to eliminate preventable deaths by the year 2020. Concurrently, the PSMF is joining the WFSA's SAFE-T (Safe Anaesthesia For Everybody - Today) campaign to advance access to safe and affordable anesthesia around the world. The WFSA will formally announce its commitment at the 5th Annual World Patient Safety, Science & Technology Summit, Feb. 3-4, 2017, in Dana Point, California.

Since 1955, WFSA has served as the foremost global alliance of anesthesiologists, working together with national, regional and specialty organizations to facilitate and promote the highest standards of patient care. They work with National Societies of Anaesthesiology, the World Health Organization (WHO), governments, surgical organizations, NGOs, hospitals, training centers, and other organizations to support safe surgery and access to safe anesthesia. Through its network of thousands of anesthesiologists in more than 150 countries, the WFSA will demonstrate their commitment to PSMF's mission of zero deaths by 2020 by annually disseminating Actionable Patient Safety Solutions (APSS) and asking members working in hospitals to make commitments to reducing preventable patient deaths; updating its International Standards for a Safe Practice of Anaesthesia; and working with the PSMF to develop APSS appropriate for healthcare organizations in low-resource countries.

By joining WFSA's Safe Anaesthesia For Everybody - Today (SAFE-T) campaign, the PSMF becomes part of a global collaboration of industry and patient-focused organizations and WFSA's network of anesthesia professionals committed to patient safety and advancing the International Standards for a Safe Practice of Anaesthesia. PSMF also agrees to share available data pertaining to meeting the International Standards globally and to work collaboratively with the WFSA and other consortium members to improve the practice of and access to safe anesthesia.

"We are happy to announce our commitment to action to the Patient Safety Movement. The movement has made a significant impact on patient safety in a short period of time, and we look forward to working together to create APSS for low-resource countries to reduce preventable patient harm and death," said Dr. Gonzalo Barreiro, President of the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists. "We also look forward to working with the PSMF on the SAFE-T campaign as we collaborate to 'map the gap' in access to safe anaesthesia and use this data to influence advancement in every hospital, and for every patient."

"The Patient Safety Movement Foundation is excited to formalize its working relationship with the venerable World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists to further our joint mission of improving patient safety and preventing needless surgical deaths throughout the world," said Joe Kiani, Founder of the Patient Safety Movement Foundation. "WFSA's vast global network of members is ideally positioned to help us make substantial strides toward our goal of achieving zero patient deaths by 2020. Our team looks forward to working closely with WFSA's member organizations to advance safer surgical practices and access to anesthesia."

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About The Patient Safety Movement Foundation

More than 3,000,000 people worldwide, and 200,000 people in the US, die every year in hospitals in ways that could have been prevented. The Patient Safety Movement Foundation was established through the support of the Masimo Foundation for Ethics, Innovation, and Competition in Healthcare, to reduce that number of preventable deaths to 0 by 2020 (0X2020) in the US and dramatically worldwide. Improving patient safety will require a collaborative effort from all stakeholders, including patients, healthcare providers, medical technology companies, government, employers, and private payers. The Patient Safety Movement Foundation works with all stakeholders to address the problems and solutions of patient safety. The Foundation also convenes annual Patient Safety, Science and Technology summits that are by invitation only. The next summit will be held January 22-23, 2016 in Dana Point, CA and will bring together the world's best minds for thought-provoking discussions and new ideas to challenge the status quo. By presenting specific, high-impact actionable solutions to meet patient safety challenges, encouraging medical technology companies to share the data for whom their products are purchased, and asking hospitals to make commitments to implement Actionable Patient Safety Solutions, the Foundation is working toward zero preventable deaths by 2020. Visit www.patientsafetymovement.org.

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