Healthcare Organization Commitment

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Commitment Name
Heidelberg Interdisciplinary Patient Safety Symposium

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What Patient Safety Challenge does your Commitment address?
Heidelberg Interdisciplinary Patient Safety Symposium
Commitment Summary
The idea of our Symposium is to promote Patient Safety issues in Germany and enhance knowledge and awareness of those topics. This will be achieved by bringing together internationally renowned researchers, opinion leaders and patient safety advocates from all different areas of expertise, including medicine, law, psychology, nursing (to name a few).

Commitment Description & Detail
The symposium tries to teach attendees a necessary theoretical human factors framework and will then aim to bridge the gap from this background and scientific research to hands-on tools for everyday use that can be used while actually giving care to patients. Sessions will focus on specific hospital settings (e.g. perioperative, outpatient, ED, dialysis, ...) or problem areas (patient identification, communication, teamwork, ...).

Action Plan
In 2015, the first Heidelberg Interdisciplinary Patient Safety Symposium will be held on September 25 + 26 with an estimated 150 attendees. Our goal is to increase attendance by 15% each year until 2020.

Commitment Timeline
The Symposium will be held annually in September/October, and will hopefully establish itself as a fixed mark for the discussion of Patient Safety issues in Germany in the future.