International Pharmaceutical Federation
Commitment to Action

The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) is pleased to announce their support of the Patient Safety Movement Foundation (PSMF) and mission to eliminate preventable deaths by 2020 (OX2020).

The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) is the global federation of 140 national organisations of pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists dedicated to improving the access to and value of appropriate medicine use, and contributing to changes in science, practice and health policies worldwide. Pharmacists are the ultimate experts in medicines, medicine use/pharmacotherapies and medication management processes. According to 2011 FIP/WHO Good Pharmacy Practice (GPP) guidelines, the aim of pharmacy practice is to "contribute to health improvement and to help patients with health problems to make the best use of their medicines." FIP is working in close collaboration with partners such as the World Health Organization (WHO) on the patient safety programme and implementation of the WHO Global Patient Safety Challenge.

As a committed organization, FIP will demonstrate alliance with PSMF by the following:

1. Spreading the mission of OX2020 to relevant FIP members
2. Annually disseminating Actionable Patient Safety Solution (APSS) to relevant FIP members
3. Participating or providing technical expertise to the relevant PSMF’s APSS workgroups on (not limited to) medicine shortages, medication errors, and patient safety curriculum for schools.
4. Asking members who are leaders working in hospitals to implement APSS, or share their own successful processes, to eliminate preventable deaths. And, make their own commitments to action to the Patient Safety Movement Foundation.
5. Contributing to the PSMF’s efforts to bring pharmaceutical companies into the Movement’s network.

We at the FIP are excited to announce our commitment to improve patient safety.

Yours sincerely,

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