

Safe Surgery Initiative Commitment to Action

The Safe Surgery Initiative is pleased to announce their support of the Patient Safety Movement Foundation (PSMF) and mission to eliminate preventable deaths in hospitals.

Safe Surgery Initiative (SSI) provides on-site surgical instrument refurbishment, capacity building training, and education to medical facilities in low-income and middle-income countries (LMICs). Access to essential surgery could prevent 1.5 million deaths a year in LMICs. 143 million additional surgical procedures are needed in LMICs each year to save lives and prevent disability. Of the 313 million procedures undertaken worldwide each year, only 6% occur in the poorest countries, where over a third of the world's population lives. Low operative volumes are associated with high case-fatality rates from common, treatable surgical conditions. Through our refurbishment and capacity building programs we can improve the safety and accessibility of surgical care in LMIC's hospitals.

As a committed organization, the Safe Surgery Initiative will demonstrate alliance with PSMF by the following:

1. Spread the PSMF's mission to Safe Surgery Initiative members and network
2. Participate in the PSMF's Actionable Patient Safety Solutions (APSS) workgroups and helping to identify subject matter experts to contribute to the development of aligned topics (*i.e. Healthcare Associated Infections- SSI, Early Detection and Treatment of Sepsis in Low and Middle Income Countries*)
3. Co-brand one or multiple of the PSMF's Actionable Patient Safety Solutions (*i.e. Healthcare Associated Infections- SSI, Early Detection and Treatment of Sepsis in Low and Middle Income Countries*)

We at Safe Surgery Initiative are excited to announce our commitment to improve patient safety.

Signed,

Safe Surgery Initiative

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