

World Patient Safety Day



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Every day about 810 women die from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. In addition, about 6,700 newborns die each day, accounting for 47% of all deaths of children under the age of 5. In addition, about 2 million stillbirths are reported each year, with more than 40% occurring directly during childbirth. Given the significant burden of risk and harm to women and newborns from unsafe medical care, compounded by the disruption of essential health services in the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's campaign takes on even greater significance.

Fortunately, most stillbirths and maternal and newborn deaths can be avoided by ensuring that safe and quality care is provided by skilled health workers, who in turn have a supportive work environment. But this can only be achieved through the involvement of all stakeholders and the creation of comprehensive community health systems and approaches.

World Patient Safety Day was established in 2019 to advance global understanding of patient safety, increase public participation in safe health care delivery, and promote global efforts to improve patient safety and reduce patient harm.

The goals of World Patient Safety Day are.

1. To raise global awareness of the issue of maternal and newborn safety, especially during childbirth.
2. to ensure the participation of a wide range of stakeholders and the adoption of effective and innovative strategies to improve maternal and newborn safety.
3. Call for urgent and systematic action by all stakeholders to reach those without access to health care and ensure safe health care for mothers and newborns, especially during childbirth.
4. Advocate for best practices at the point of care to reduce preventable risks and prevent harm to all women and newborns during childbirth.