

# World Patient Safety 2024

"Improving diagnosis for patient safety"



Around **1 in every 10 patients** is harmed in health care and more than **3 million deaths** occur annually due to unsafe care. In **low-to-middle income countries**, as many as **4 in 100 people die** from unsafe care.



## Objectives of World Patient Safety Day 2024

"Get it right, make it safe!"

- ✓ **Increase public awareness and commitment** to patient safety
- ✓ **Improve understanding** of patient safety
- ✓ **Promote global solidarity and action**
- ✓ **Address specific patient safety issues**

## Diagnostic Safety – Common Sources of Patient Harm

Medication errors	Health care-associated infections	Unsafe transfusion practices	Diagnostic errors
Surgical errors	Unsafe injection practices	Venous thromboembolism	Patient falls
Sepsis	Patient misidentification	Pressure ulcers	

## Factors Leading to Patient Harm

### System and Organizational factors

the complexity of medical interventions, inadequate processes and procedures, disruptions in workflow and care coordination, resource constraints, inadequate staffing and competency

### Technological factors

issues related to health information systems, such as problems with electronic health records or medication administration systems, and misuse of technology

### Human factors and Behaviour

communication breakdown among health care workers, within health care teams, and with patients and their families, ineffective teamwork, fatigue, burnout, and cognitive bias

### Patient-related factors

limited health literacy, lack of engagement and non-adherence to treatment

### External factors

absence of policies, inconsistent regulations, economic and financial pressures, and challenges related to natural environment



To enhance patient safety, **Evnia is dedicated to supporting manufacturers and Authorities to identify quantifiable endpoints and appropriate processes** for the dynamic monitoring of the clinical safety of medical devices and in-vitro diagnostics. We take advantage of this day to **underscore the unmet need to establish a robust, standardised, global framework for the collection of comprehensive, real-world patient safety data to address existing data gaps, and implement meaningful safety indicators.**

