World Patient Safety Day

Medical Research Institute

17th

September

2019

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Agenda

9.00am -4.00pm	MRI Open Day
5.00pm - 6.30pm	Opening ceremony
	Welcome address by the Director/ MRI
	Lighting up of MRI premises
	Address by the representative of Ministry of Health
	Talk on patient safety
	Launching of MRI website
	Vote of thanks

Message from the DGHS

The International Patient Safety Day is a campaign for all stakeholders in the health care system to work together to improve patient safety. This is celebrated on the 17th of September in each year as a multicounty day under the common goal of increased patient's safety. Patient's safety is a global public health concern and is fundamental principle of health care. According to WHO, estimates show that in developed countries as many as 1 in 10 patients are harmed while receiving health care. Recent advancement in technology has created an immensely complex health care system. This complexity brings many challengers to the health stake holders to keep the patient safe. Therefore, International patient's safety day is celebrated to raise awareness of patient's safety issues.

In our country, several programmes have been organized on effective solutions to improve quality and safety in health care island wide at institutional level to celebrate this day. Medical Research Institute has taken up the lead role by organizing many activities including open day for public, raising awareness amongst the public through media and so on. I would like to thank Director/MRI & the staff for their contribution to make this event successful.

 Dr Anil Jasinghe
Director General of Health Services

Message from the DDG (LS)

WHO is planning to celebrate first ever world patients safety day on 17 September 2019 as patients safety has been identified as a global health priority. This year's theme of the world patients day is "Patient Safety: a global health priority".

It has been estimated 134 million adverse events occur worldwide each year in hospitals contributing to 2.6 million deaths annually due to unsafe care. Hence, WHO launched a global initiative to reduce severe, avoidable medication-associated harm in all countries by 50% over the next 5 years.

Every point in the process of care-giving contains a certain degree of inherent unsafety. Hence, skilled health care professionals, clear policies, organizational leadership capacity, data to drive safety improvements, and effective involvement of patients in their care, are all needed to ensure sustainable and significant improvements in the safety of health care.

In keeping with the WHO effort on patient safety, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka also organized many events to show its commitment to making healthcare safer. MRI has taken up the initiative to observe world patients safety day on 17 September 2019 as its duties and responsibilities spanned in many specialties related to patient's safety. Issuing quality laboratory reports for patient management, facilitating health related research, monitoring antimicrobial resistance and promoting vaccine safety, medicines safety and blood transfusion safety are some of them.

I would like to congratulate Director and the organizing committee for recognizing the importance of this day and make this event a success.

Dr B V H S Benaragama
Deputy Director General (Laboratory Services)

Message from the Director/ Healthcare Quality and Safety

It is with much pleasure; I extend my congratulations to the Director and the healthcare team of Medical Research Institute (MRI) of Sri Lanka on the Very First National Patent Safety Day. As a prominent land mark of the country, this institute has taken steps to light up the with orange colour on this particular day. Furthermore, organizing a patient safety exhibition to improve the awareness of public on patient safety is commendable. I convey my sincere thanks to all the staff in MRI for taking this initiative demonstrating speak up for patient safety in this occasion.

Today is World Patient Safety Day. No one should be harmed in health care and yet, every day, thousands of patients suffer avoidable harm while receiving care globally. If you are a doctor, nurse, medical laboratory technologist, pharmacist or health worker, it is needed to engage patients as partners in their care. It is very important to work closely with the patients to create an open and transparent patient safety culture. We need to encourage blame-free reporting and learning from errors. Moreover, providing accurate and reliable information about the patients reports in timely manner and communicating openly with the patients is an imperative necessity to improve safe care at all levels.

At the 72nd World Health Assembly WHA resolution 72:6 on global action on patient safety was adopted in 2019. In accordance with, we are celebrating this day to promote all aspects of patient safety in collaboration with all relevant stakeholders in Sri Lanka. I kindly request you to make patient safety as your priority in everyday life. I wish you all success in achieving highest levels of quality and safety of all laboratory processes of this renowned Institute.

Dr Sudath K Dharmaratne
Directorate of Healthcare Quality and Safety
17th September 2019

Message from the Director MRI

Safety in health systems is a major global concern due to the enlarging numbers of people suffering avoidable harm while receiving healthcare. It is estimated that 34 million adverse events occur each year due to unsafe care in hospitals in low- and middle-income countries, contributing to 2.6 million deaths annually.

Recognizing the urgency of the issue, health stakeholders from all over the world got together to celebrate first ever world patients safety day on 17 th of September. This is a unique opportunity for patients, carers, civil society organizations and other relevant stakeholders to join the common cause for safe-patient-centered healthcare.

As a part of this important event, MRI has organized an open day to educate the staff and the public on many aspects of patient's safety. While thanking all the staff and members of the organizing committee for their hard work and commitment, I wish all of you for a pleasant and knowledge stimulating patient's safety day.

Dr Jayaruwan Bandara

What is World Patient Safety Day?

World Patient Safety Day is established by the 72nd World Health Assembly in May 2019 to be observed annually on 17th of September to raise global awareness about patient safety and encourage global solidarity action. This year we celebrate first ever World Patient Safety Day.

What is patient safety?

Patient safety is the absence of preventable harm to a patient during the process of health care and reduction of risk of unnecessary harm associated with health care to an acceptable minimum. An acceptable minimum depends on the current knowledge, resources available and the context in which care was delivered weighed against the risk of non-treatment or other treatment.

Theme of the World Patient Safety Day 17 September 2019

"Patient Safety: a global health priority"

The slogan of the World Patient Safety Day 17 September 2019

"Speak up for patient safety."

International patient safety goals

Goal 1: Identify patients correctly

Goal 2: Improve effective communication

Goal 3: Improve the safety of high alert medications

Goal 4: Ensure safe surgery

Goal 5: Reduce the risk of health care associated infections

Goal 6: Reduce the risk of patients arm resulting from falls

Planned activities to celebrate World Patient Safety Day at MRI

- Open Day
- Exhibition on patient safety
- Hands on experience-
  hand hygiene
- Videos on patient safety
- Poster presentations on
  Patient's safety
- Light up MRI in Orange
- Launching of MRI new website
- Talk on patient safety
- Distribution of orange
  colour celebrating pen

How MRI is contributing to patient Safety

- Conduct and facilitate ethically approved health related research
- Perform highly specialized laboratory tests for accurate diagnosis of disease entities and thus enabling personalized precise treatment
- Perform laboratory tests necessary for primary prevention of diseases such as heart disease, respiratory disease etc.
- Ensure external and internal Quality assurance of medical laboratories in the country
- Active participation in public health surveillance activities
- Ensure Vaccine safety
- Ensure Food safety
- Ensure biosafety and biosecurity and proper risk communication
- Provide experts opinion and advice on patient management
- Issue quality reporting on time
- Ensure patient safety at the bleeding rooms
- Ensure proper infectious waste disposal
- Patient safety at clinical research centres