



# All-Ukrainian Council for Patients' Rights and Safety

## *Patients and Patient Safety*

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# Patient Safety knows no geographical boundaries

- Patients are still harmed around the globe
- Still no meaningful dialogue established between patients and clinicians
- Culture of cover up is dominant in many countries
- Low level of political will to resolve PS issues



# Patients' Involvement is a key to Patient Safety

Together we [Patients for Patient Safety] provide the world's largest geographically and culturally diverse pool of patient wisdom on patient safety, ensuring authenticity and sustainability for the World Alliance for Patient Safety. This will ultimately save lives and prevent injuries.

Susan Sheridan  
Lead, Patients for Patient Safety  
World Alliance for Patient Safety



# Medical Statistical Data is Patient's Lives

- Sequence of errors and system's failures caused my grandmother being paralyzed and her further death
- My whole family was greatly affected
- We were harmed not only by system's failures but by the way we were treated by clinicians



# Patients' Activism is evolving in Ukraine



**Just a few examples  
of patient's  
organizations  
but there are many  
more ...**



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# What is All-Ukrainian Council for Patients' Rights and Safety?

- Not for profit, non governmental organization founded in 2001 by patients for patients
- The main work strands:
  - Patient Safety
  - Legal help for patients
  - Palliative Care



# WHO World Alliance for Patient Safety and Patients for Patient Safety

- Role of patients and caregivers – patient and consumer involvement. **Partnership** and **Collaboration**. **Openness** and **honesty** about risk and error
- Philosophy of **empowering**, enabling, partnering
- Ensures that the focus is on the patient perspective and **patient centeredness**
- **Workshop process** and global expansion



# First Inaugural 'Patients for Patient Safety', London, 2005



- **21 PS Champions from around the Globe**
- **Collective Vision in the form of “London Declaration”**





## Ukrainian 'Patients for Patient Safety' Workshop, Kiev, June 1-3, 2007 (along with a number of other regional Workshops)



- 17 PS Champions from around Ukraine
- Products: a number of documents reflecting patient's vision



# European 'Patients for Patient Safety' Workshop, 3-6 September, 2007, Dublin



- PS Champions and policy-makers established meaningful dialogue
- Recommendations from the Workshop



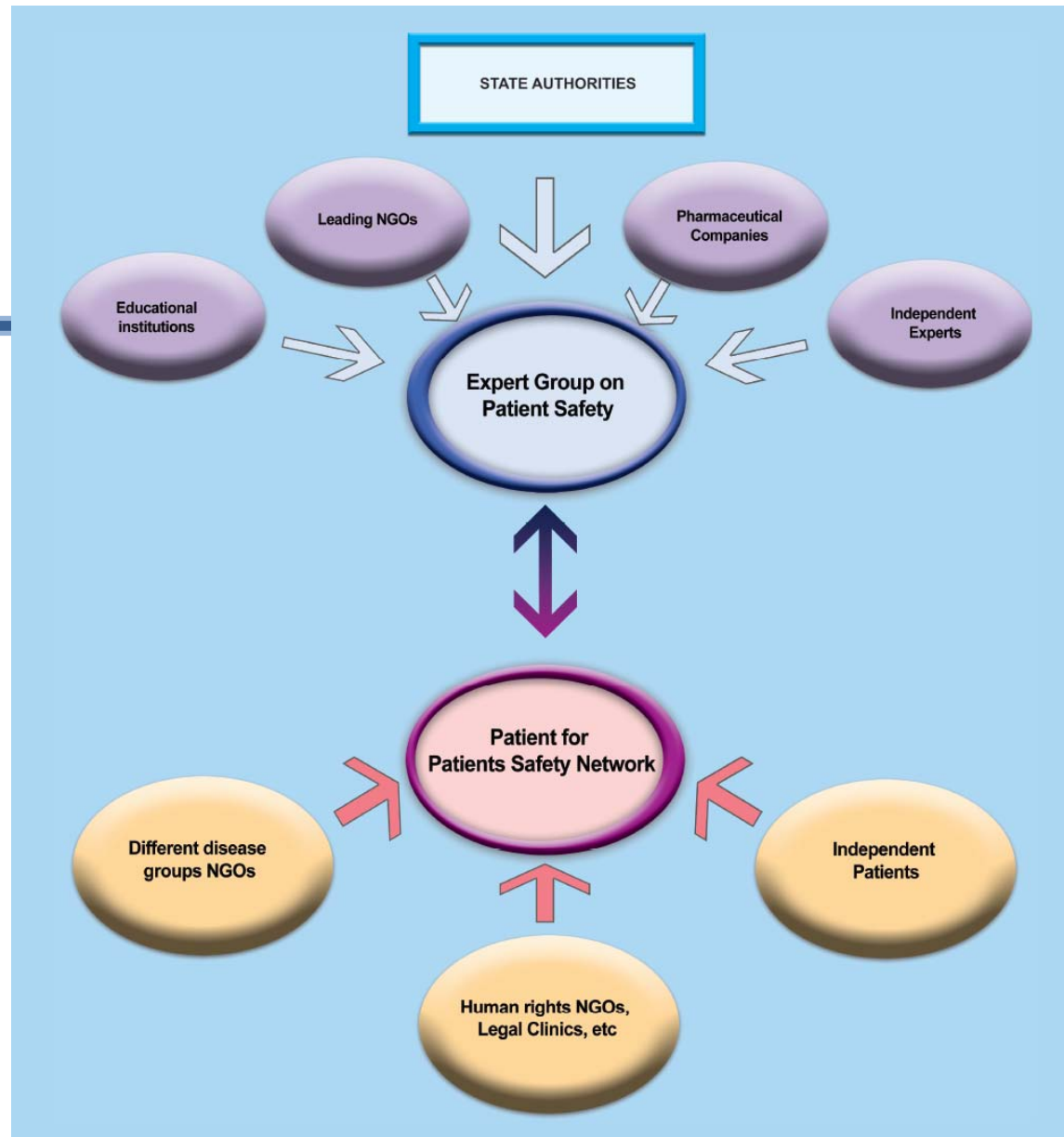
# Expert Group on Patient Safety initiated by All-Ukrainian Council

- Established in April 2007
- Involves representatives of
  - Ministry of Health
  - Parliamentary Committee on Healthcare
  - Healthcare Research Institutions
  - Clinicians
  - Leading NGOs
  - Pharmaceutical Companies and Hospitals
- The aim is to support development of PS Champions network and provide effective mechanism for patients involvement



## Patients' Involvement

- Information Campaign
- Providing opportunities for PS Champions
- Support and providing partnership opportunities





# Next steps

- Speed up commitment to the First Global Patient Safety Challenge “Clean Care is Safer Care”
- Expand the Network and provide more opportunities for Champions to get engaged
- Elevate Patient Safety and patients’ involvement on the international level by partnering with neighboring countries
- Carry out Patients’ Congress in September 2008



**We, Patients for Patient Safety,  
envision a different world in  
which healthcare errors are not  
harming people. We are partners  
in effort to prevent all avoidable  
harm in healthcare.**

**London Declaration abstract**



# Thank you!

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