



7TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PATIENT SAFETY 2024

“Diagnostic Safety”
May 10 - 11, 2024
Jinnah Convention Centre, Islamabad



The 7th International Conference on Patient Safety (ICPS), convened from May 10th to 11th, 2024, at the prestigious Jinnah Convention Center in Islamabad, Pakistan, served as a pivotal gathering for healthcare stakeholders. Organized by the Riphah Institute of Healthcare Improvement & Safety (RIHIS), this conference was dedicated to exploring the critical theme of "Diagnostic Safety." It delved into the imperative of accurate diagnosis in safeguarding patient well-being and minimizing potential errors with grave consequences. The event attracted healthcare professionals from diverse corners of the globe, fostering a rich exchange of insights and best practices.

The ICPS attracted a diverse cohort of healthcare professionals from around the world. Notable participants included delegates from renowned institutions across continents, bringing with them a wealth of experiences and perspectives. From North America to Asia, Europe to Africa, the conference served as a nexus for global collaboration in the pursuit of enhanced patient safety through improved diagnostic practices.

International Speakers

 Mr. Joe Kjaal Founder, Chairman & CEO Maximo Patient Safety Movement Foundation, USA	 Dr. Carsten Engel CEO, International Society for Quality in Healthcare (ISQHS) Denmark	 Prof. Dr. Peter Lochman Lead Faculty Quality Improvement Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, Ireland	 Ms. Lenée Thompson CEO, Accreditation Canada	 Dr. Muhammad Rashed bin Hassan Program Faculty, SingHealth, Duke-NUS, Principal Faculty of National University of Singapore (NUS) & Duke-NUS, Singapore	 Ms. Louise Cusack Executive Director, ACHS International and Co-Chairing ACHS International (ACHS), Australia	
 Dr. Samer Elshaham Medical Director, Continuous Improvement Department, Cleveland Clinic, Abu Dhabi	 Dr. Senal Akgan Chief Quality Officer, Bakirkoy University-Hospital Network, Turkey	 Dr. Paul Sanchez Sigmund Freud University Vienna, Visiting Faculty Riphah University, Professor, Thomas Jefferson University, USA	 Ms. Subana Akhter CEO, World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH) Qatar	 Ms. Sanaz Masoomi Chief Operating Officer, Patient Safety Movement Foundation USA	 Dr. Art Piner CEO Visiotech USA UK	
 Dr. John Paul Heans Director 33n UK	 Dr. DJ Harbottle Brown CEO & Clinical Safety Officer, Careful UK	 Mr. Stuart Ritchie Managing Director, Middle East & UK/India Commission International, USA	 Ms. Rubah Dasa Deputy CEO, Health Care Accreditation Council Jordan	 Ms. Maureen Lal Director, Magnet Recognition Program at American Nurses Credentialing Center, ANCC USA	 Dr. Zelma Khouri-Siverra Managing Director, Near-Care Health Network & Managing Director Emerging Health International, UAE	 Dr. Zakaria Zaki Al Attal Senior Consultant for Organizational Development and International Accreditation National Director of Quality Emirates Health Services EHS, UAE

Background



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The focus on "Diagnostic Safety" underscored the significance of precision in medical diagnosis, aiming to enhance patient outcomes and reduce adverse incidents. Amidst the evolving landscape of healthcare, where diagnostic errors pose substantial challenges, this conference aimed to chart a course towards more reliable and effective diagnostic practices. Assembled under the banner of RIHIS, in collaboration with esteemed partners, the event represented a concerted effort to address critical issues at the intersection of healthcare delivery and patient safety.

Proceedings

At the heart of the conference were sessions designed to delve into various facets of diagnostic safety. Speakers, representing a spectrum of expertise, shared insights on reducing diagnostic errors, optimizing communication among healthcare providers, and leveraging technological advancements to augment diagnostic accuracy. The program encompassed:

Keynote Sessions

The ICPS began with illuminating keynote addresses delivered by renowned experts in the field of patient safety. These sessions set the tone for the conference, providing a comprehensive overview of current research, emerging trends, and innovative strategies for enhancing diagnostic accuracy in healthcare practice.

Parallel Sessions

Throughout the conference, attendees had the opportunity to participate in parallel sessions focusing on specific aspects of diagnostic safety. Topics ranged from the role of artificial intelligence in diagnostic decision-making to the implementation of standardized protocols for error reduction. Engaging presentations and lively discussions enriched the exploration of diverse approaches and best practices in diagnostic safety.



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Panel Discussions

Panel discussions brought together stakeholders from across the healthcare spectrum to explore multifaceted perspectives on diagnostic safety. Clinicians, researchers, policymakers, and patient advocates engaged in dialogue, debate, and collaboration, highlighting the importance of interdisciplinary cooperation in addressing the complex challenges of patient safety.

Workshops and Demonstrations

Interactive workshops and hands-on demonstrations showcased innovative tools, technologies, and methodologies for improving diagnostic accuracy. Attendees had the opportunity to engage directly with experts and explore practical solutions to real-world challenges in diagnostic practice.

The proceedings of the 7th ICPS encapsulated the breadth and depth of ongoing efforts to advance patient safety through enhanced diagnostic practices. By fostering collaboration, sharing knowledge, and promoting innovation, the conference served as a catalyst for positive change in the global healthcare landscape.

Positive Impact of the Conference:

The outcomes of the 7th ICPS are poised to reverberate throughout the healthcare landscape, yielding tangible benefits in several key areas:

1. Heightened Awareness: The conference served as a catalyst for raising awareness about the critical importance of diagnostic safety in healthcare delivery.

2. Knowledge Enrichment: Participants gained valuable insights and tools to bolster diagnostic accuracy in their respective healthcare settings, facilitated by the exchange of best practices and innovative approaches.



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3. Catalyst for Collaboration: The event fostered international partnerships and collaborations, laying the groundwork for concerted efforts towards advancing patient safety on a global scale.

Conclusion:

The 7th International Conference on Patient Safety emerges as a milestone in the ongoing endeavor to fortify patient safety protocols worldwide. By centering discussions on diagnostic safety and fostering international collaboration, the conference has set a precedent for future initiatives aimed at safeguarding the well-being of patients across diverse healthcare landscapes.

In the wake of the 7th International Conference on Patient Safety (ICPS), we stand at a juncture marked by newfound insights, strengthened partnerships, and renewed determination. The discussions held and connections forged during this gathering have illuminated the path forward in our ongoing quest to enhance diagnostic safety and, by extension, patient well-being. As we bid farewell to this transformative event, we do so with a profound sense of purpose and a commitment to translating the knowledge gained into meaningful action.