

World Patient Safety Day 2025

Briefing



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17 September 2025

This year's theme is "Safe Care for Every Newborn and Every Child", with the slogan: "Patient Safety from the Start!"

💡 Why this matters

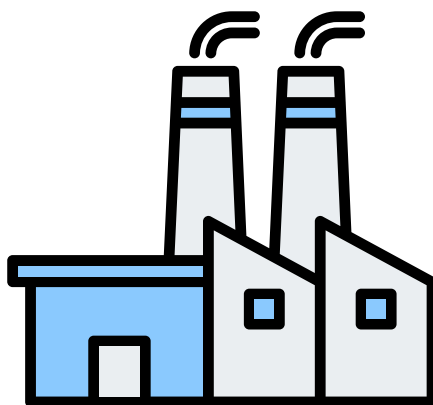
Newborns and children are uniquely vulnerable. Their bodies, care needs, and responses to treatments differ greatly from adults. Health care delivered without sufficient adaptation for age, weight, development, or context can lead to preventable harm.

The National Pharmacovigilance Program (LNPVP) at the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) actively contributed to the global event "World Patient Safety Day 2025"- September 17th, 2025, reaffirming its commitment to advancing patient safety in Lebanon.

The LNPVP activities were multifaceted, engaging:



Hospitals



Pharmaceutical Sector



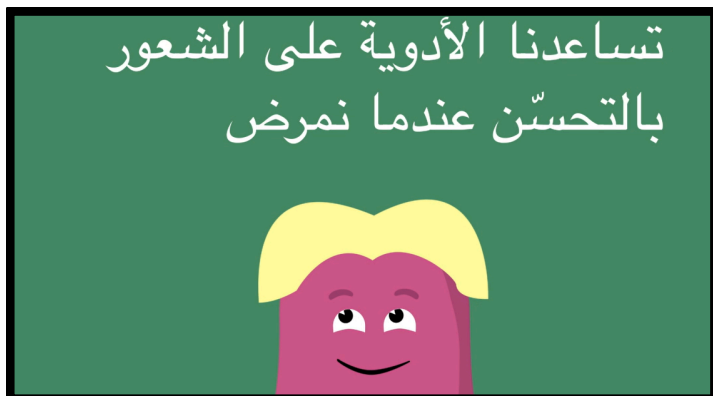
International Partners

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A. Hospital Engagement

As part of the Patient Safety Day 2025 activities, the Lebanese National Pharmacovigilance Program (LNPVP) invited hospitals across Lebanon to actively engage in the campaign.

To support these initiatives, the LNPVP provided four educational and awareness videos to hospital pharmacovigilance focal points, which could be integrated into their campaigns to raise awareness among healthcare professionals and patients.



Outcome:

A total of **nine hospitals** participated in the campaign by sharing the patient safety videos across their facilities, including on lobby screens, waiting rooms, hospital entrances, and clinics. In addition, they organized activities related to patient safety and delivered presentations to their healthcare staff to raise awareness and promote safe practices.

Each hospital shared photos and videos of its engagement with the LNPVP, reflecting a strong national commitment to promoting patient safety.

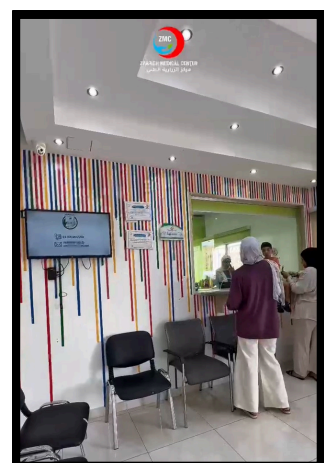
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A. Hospital Engagement

Participating Hospitals (alphabetical order):

1. Beirut Eye & ENT Specialist Hospital (BESH)
2. Beirut Governmental University Hospital (Karantina Hospital)
3. Haykel Hospital
4. Hiram Hospital
5. Lebanese Italian Hospital
6. Makassed General Hospital
7. Rafic Hariri University Hospital (RHUH)
8. Tel Chiha Hospital
9. Zrarieh Medical Center (ZMC)

The LNPVP looks forward to greater involvement from hospitals in future Patient Safety Day activities, encouraging stronger collaboration to enhance patient safety nationwide.



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B. Educational Session for a Multinational Company

On **September 16, 2025**, the LNPVP team (Team Lead Dr. Rita Karam, Dr. Abeer Zeitoun – Clinical and Technical Manager, Dr. Aya Ibrahim – Clinical PV Officer) was invited by a Marketing Authorization Holder (MAH) to deliver an educational session, which was attended by all staff members. The PV team shared with the attendees the LNPVP activities and achievements, highlighting the important role of MAH at the local and multinational level.

Dr. Rita Karam (Team Lead): Opened the session with a general introduction to pharmacovigilance, followed by a summary of the LNPVP activities and achievements, including case reporting, awareness campaigns, safety reports, scientific publications, and the release of the Lebanese Good Pharmacovigilance Practices (LGVP) guidelines.

Dr. Abeer Zeitoun (Clinical and Technical Manager): Highlighted the role of the LNPVP in advancing patient safety, including the LGVP's role to improve MAH practices. She also emphasized the LNPVP's consistent participation in international initiatives such as Patient Safety Day and MedSafety Week, reflecting on previous activities.

Dr. Aya Ibrahim (Clinical PV Officer): Presented an overview of the VigiMobile app, a digital tool enabling patients and healthcare professionals to report Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs) and Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFIs). She guided participants on downloading and using the app, highlighting its role in strengthening patient safety through digital innovation.



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C. Contribution to ISoP Event

Dr. Abeer Zeitoun had the honor of moderating the ISoP Online World Patient Safety Day (WPSD) 2025 Middle East session.

The event gathered participants from across the region and featured distinguished speakers, Dr. Omar Bayoun and Dr. Samer Mohamad, who shared innovative ideas and practical solutions to advance safe care for every newborn and child.

This year's ISoP WPSD 2025 serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of global collaboration in ensuring patient safety, highlighting that safeguarding health remains a shared responsibility across all healthcare systems.

