

Overview of SaQushal Initiative

Patients' Expectations

- Cure
 - Correct, speedy, low cost, lasting treatment
 - Emergency care
 - No new disease
 - No harmful procedure/ complication
- Care
 - Psychological well being & courteous behaviour
 - Clean, inviting atmosphere
 - Personalised approach





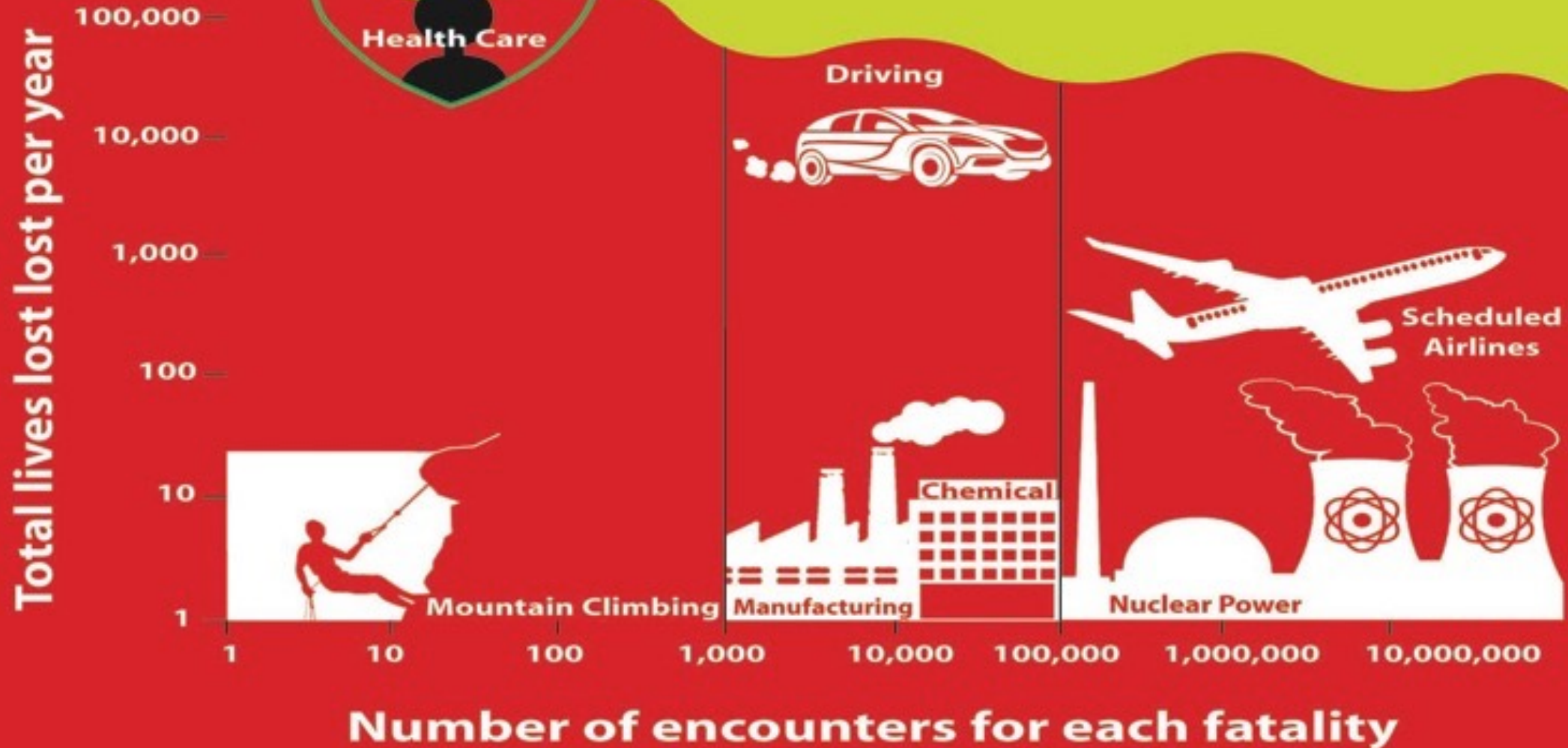
*I didn't want to disturb you when you were working, sir.
But it is this leg which is injured!*

How Hazardous is Health Care ?

DANGEROUS
($>1/1000$)

REGULATED

ULTRA-SAFE
($>1/100K$)





"First do no harm."

Hippocratic Oath

Patient Safety

According to WHO

- 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* refers to the collective notions of given current knowledge, resources available and the context in which care was delivered weighed against the risk of non-treatment or other treatment.

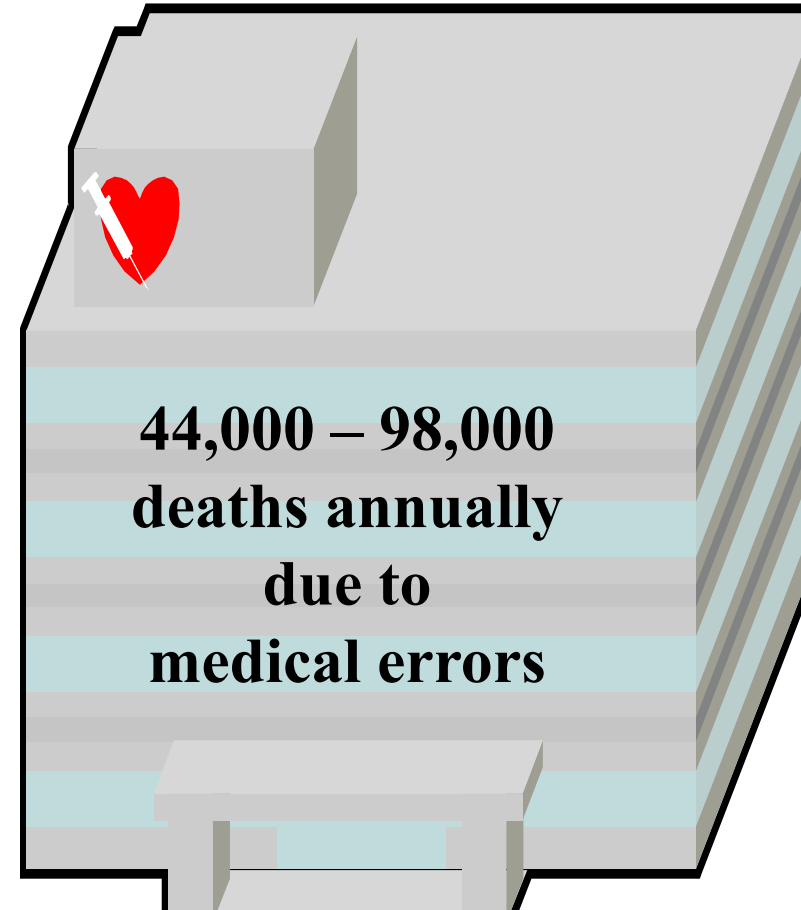
What about being a patient in the health care system



Extra Extra

Airlines expect 1-2 jets to crash daily

Over 1000 deaths expected weekly



Kohn et al. Committee on quality health care in America. IOM. Academy Press. 1999.



Global Burden

- 10% of drugs are either sub-standard or falsified -
Loss of 80 Lakhs DALY annually
- Unsafe injections - 92 Lakhs DALY loss annually
- 70 Lakhs surgical patients suffer significant complications each year, resulting into death of 10 Lakh such patients
- 1.7 Lakhs admissions annually in USA due to Patient harm
- 15% of hospital expenditure on treatment of safety failure in OECD countries



In Europe - Every 10th patient experiences preventable harm or adverse events in hospital, causing suffering and loss for the patient, their families and health care providers.

In India,.....



Indian Scenario

- In India around 5.2 million injuries occur due to medical errors
- This makes medical errors one of the major causes of death.
- For every 100 Hospitalization, approx. 12.7 adverse events occur.

(Ashsih Jha, BMJ Quality & Safety, Sept 2013)



Burden of Unsafe Care (Comparative Analysis)

Patient Safety Concern	Global Context	Indian Context
Health Care Associated Infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approx. 1.4 million patients suffer from HAIs at any time• Out of every 100 hospitalized patients, 7 in developed and 10 in developing countries acquire Health-care Associated Infections (HAIs)	<p>According to study on device associated Infection rates in 20 cities in 2004-2013, prevalence of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5.1 Central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSIs)/ 1000 central line days,• 9.4 cases of ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAPs)/ 1000 mechanical ventilator days &
Medication Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50% of all medicines are inappropriately prescribed, dispensed or sold,	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One of the studies conducted in 2016 in a tertiary hospital for medication error, documented a rate of 36%; out of which prescription error accounted for 65%

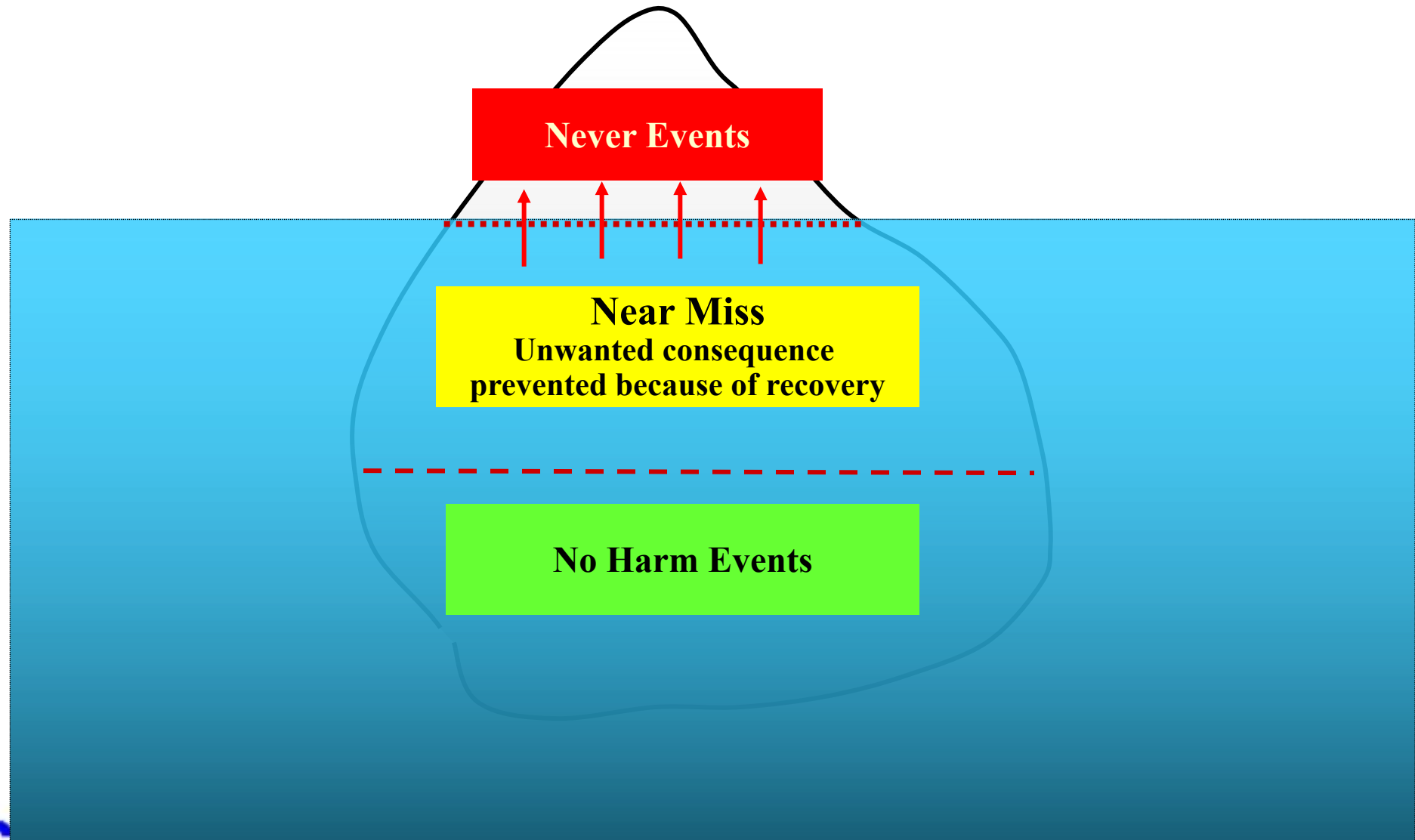
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Unsafe Injection Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22 Billion injections are administered every year Due to unsafe injections practices, 9.2 million disability-adjusted life years lost per year 	A study conducted by INCLEN in 2010 “Injection Practices in India”; out of administered three billion injections annually, 1.89 billion (62%) were unsafe injections
Blood Safety	<p>As per WHO, 122 reporting countries out of 179 countries did screening of donated blood;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 99.6% high income countries 81% LMIC 66% in low-income countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 million units of blood required, but availability is only 11.8 million From January 2013 to April 2016, a total of 3903 transfusion reactions were reported to the HvPI in 3807 patients
Patient Fall	Approx. 7 lakhs to 10 lakhs patients sustain fall in the hospitals in USA	
Communication Error	An European Commission project has found that handover communication is responsible for 25% to 40% of adverse events	<p>In a study,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24% of OPD patients documents contained the complete information (diagnosis, prescription and follow-up instructions) 55% of patients received verbal follow-up and medication instructions

Three Common Safety Incidents

- ❑ Related to Surgical Procedures (27%)
- ❑ Medication Errors (18.3%)
- ❑ Healthcare Associated Infections (12.2%)

Iceberg Model of Accidents and Errors



Never Events

Shocking medical errors that should never occur.

There are 29 'serious reportable events' grouped into 7 categories

Never Events

It is termed as “Serious Seven” to emphasize the importance of prevention towards zero-occurrence.



1. Surgical events

- 1.1 Surgery or other invasive procedure performed on the wrong patient
- 1.2 Surgery or other invasive procedure performed on the wrong body part
- 1.3 Wrong surgical or other invasive procedure performed on a patient
- 1.4 Unintended retention of a foreign object in a patient after surgery or procedure
- 1.5 Intraoperative or immediately postoperative/post procedure death in Class I patient (ASA classification)

2. Product/ Device Events

2.1 Patient death or serious injury associated with the use of contaminated drugs, devices, or biologics provided by the health care setting

2.2 Patient death or serious injury associated with the use or function of a device in patient care, in which the device is used for functions other than as intended

2.3 Patient death or serious injury associated with intravascular air embolism that occurs while being cared for in a health care setting

3. Patient Protection Events

- 3.1 Discharge or release of a patient/resident of any age, who is unable to make decisions, to other than an authorized person
- 3.2 Patient death or serious disability associated with patient elopement (disappearance)
- 3.3 Patient suicide, attempted suicide, or self-harm resulting in serious disability, while being cared for in a health care facility

4. Care Management Events

4.1 Patient death or serious injury associated with a medication error (e.g., errors involving the wrong drug, wrong dose, wrong patient, wrong time, wrong rate, wrong preparation, or wrong route of administration)

4.2 Patient death or serious injury associated with unsafe administration of blood products

4.3 Maternal death or serious injury associated with labor or delivery in a low-risk pregnancy while being cared for in a health care setting

4.4 Death or serious injury of a neonate associated with labor or delivery in a low-risk pregnancy



4. Care Management Events

4.5 Artificial insemination with the wrong donor sperm or wrong egg

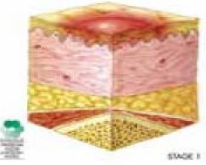

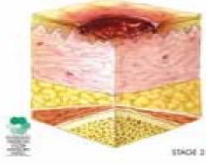

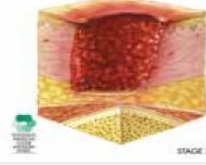





4.6 Patient death or serious injury associated with a fall while being cared for in a health care setting

4.7 Any stage 3, stage 4, or unstageable pressure ulcers acquired after admission/presentation to a health care facility

4.8 Patient death or serious disability resulting from the irretrievable loss of an irreplaceable biological specimen

4.9 Patient death or serious injury resulting from failure to follow up or communicate laboratory, pathology, or radiology test results

Classification of Pressure Ulcer

 STAGE 1		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Category / Stage I:• Intact skin with non-blanchable redness of a localized area usually over a bony prominence. The area may be painful, firm, soft, warmer or cooler as compared to adjacent tissue.
 STAGE 2		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Category/ Stage II:• Partial thickness loss of dermis presenting as a shallow open ulcer with a red pink wound bed, without slough.
 STAGE 3		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Category/ Stage III:• Full thickness tissue loss. Subcutaneous fat may be visible but bone, tendon or muscle are not exposed.
 STAGE 4		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Category/ Stage IV:• Full thickness tissue loss with exposed bone, tendon or muscle. Slough or eschar may be present.
 UNSTAGEABLE		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unstageable/Unclassified: Full thickness skin or tissue loss – depth unknown• Full thickness tissue loss in which actual depth of the ulcer is completely obscured by slough.

5. Environmental Events

5.1 Patient or staff death or serious disability associated with an electric shock in the course of a patient care process in a health care setting

5.2 Any incident in which a line designated for oxygen or other gas to be delivered to a patient contains no gas, the wrong gas, or is contaminated by toxic substances

5.3 Patient or staff death or serious injury associated with a burn incurred from any source in the course of a patient care process in a health care setting

5.4 Patient death or serious injury associated with the use of restraints or bedrails while being cared for in a health care setting

6. Radiologic Events

6.1 Death or serious injury of a patient or staff associated with introduction of a metallic object into the MRI area

7. Criminal Events

7.1 Any instance of care ordered by or provided by someone impersonating a physician, nurse, pharmacist, or other licensed health care provider

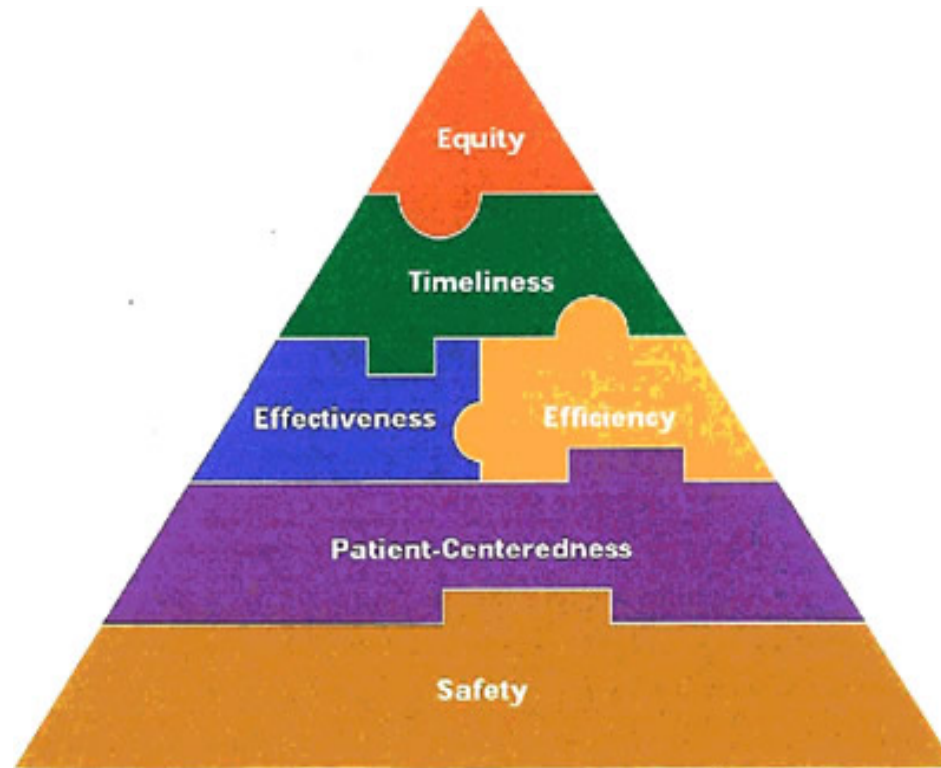
7.2 Abduction of a patient/resident of any age

7.3 Sexual abuse/assault on a patient within or on the grounds of a health care setting

7.4 Death or significant injury of a patient or staff member resulting from a physical assault (i.e., battery) that occurs within or on the grounds of a health care setting



Blocks of 'Patient-Centric' Quality of Care



Quality of Care

National Quality Assurance Standards

Areas of Concern (AOC)

Service
Provision



Patient Rights



Inputs



Support
Services



Clinical
Care



Infection
Control



Quality
Management



Outcome



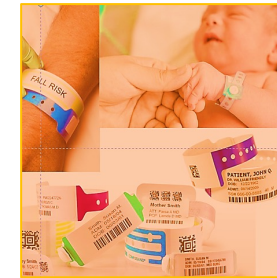
Patient Safety : An Integral Part of NQAS systems

Physical Safety



Infrastructure Safety, Electrical Safety, Fire Safety, Disaster Management, Secure & comfortable Environment for Staff, Visitors & Patients

Patient Identification, Identification of high risk & vulnerable patients, Identification & continuity of care of during transition & referral



Patient Identification

Medication Safety



Rationale prescription, Safe drug administration, medication reconciliation, review & optimization

Promoting Safe clinical processes, Use of safe surgery checklist, safe anaesthesia checklist & safe birth checklist, etc.

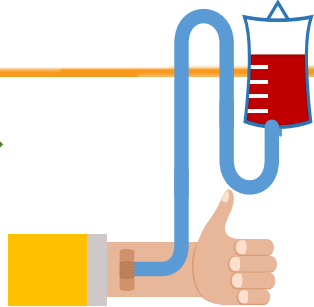


Procedure Safety



Patient Safety : An Integral Part of NQAS systems

Blood Safety



Screening of donated blood, compatibility testing, Adverse reaction associated with blood transfusion.

Reporting of HAI, HAI surveillance, Hand hygiene, Use PPE, Instruments processing, Environmental safety, Bio medical waste management



Health Care Associated infections

Risk Management



Risk management framework & plan, identification of existing & potential risks, risk assessment, reporting, evaluation and its mitigation as per plan

Staff protection from infections, radiations and other Hazards, provision of medical check ups, immunization, prophylaxis, etc.



Staff Safety



Patient Safety: An integral part of the National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS)

AOC-A

- Availability of Services
- Time mandated

AOC-C

- Physical Safety
- Fire Safety
- Electrical Safety
- Competent HR

AOC-E

- Medication Safety
- Standard Treatment Guidelines
- Safe birth and Safe Surgery Checklist

AOC-G

- Audits
- Patient Satisfaction
- Internal & External Quality Assurance
- Risk Management

AOC-B

- Informed Consent
- Disable-friendly facilities
- Ethical issues

AOC-D

- Facility upkeep
- Equipment Calibration
- Safe and Secure environment

AOC-F

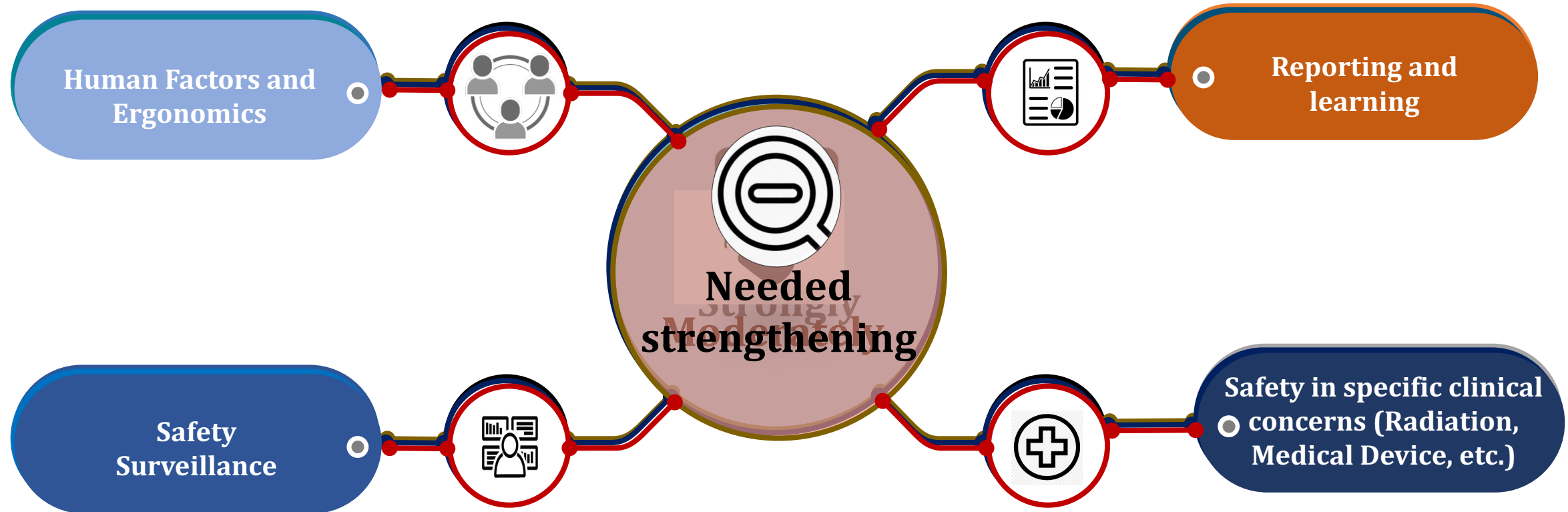
- Infection Control Practices
- Needle-stick injury
- Biomedical Waste Management

AOC-H

- Outcome of Clinical Care irt. Quality and Safety
- Key Performance Indicators



Patient Safety components under National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) before SaQushal



Need for Patient Safety Self-Assessment Tool

- Strengthen and streamline the existing quality assurance certification process under the NQAS
- Establish a credible system for reporting of adverse events to monitor extent of patient safety issues and learn from them
- Proposed tool further strengthens with the incorporation of following components:

1	Patient Engagement	2	Human Ergonomics	3	Healthcare Worker's Safety
4	Reporting & Learning System	5	Reliable Health System	6	Blame free Environment
7	Safety Culture	8	Ability at Point of Care	9	Patient Safety Indicators



National PATIENT SAFETY IMPLEMENTATION

Framework (2018-2025)

INDIA



MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
Government of India

National Patient Safety Implementation Framework



NPSIF Released on 19th April 2018





Establishing Institutional
Framework



Assessment & Reporting
of Adverse Events



Competent Healthcare
Workforce

NPSIF – Strategic Objectives



Infection Prevention &
Control



Safety in Programs
and Clinical Domains



Patient Safety
Research

TASKS DEFINED UNDER NPSIF (2018-2025)

Priority areas	Interventions	Responsible organizations/ Institutions
1.2 Strengthen quality assurance mechanisms, including accreditation system	1.2.1 Development and commissioning of minimum patient safety standards and Indicators	MoHFW/ National Patient Safety Secretariat
	1.2.2 Incorporate selected Patient Safety indicators as key performance indicators within the Quality Assurance Program	NHSRC
	1.2.3 Incorporate selected Patient Safety indicators within the accreditation system for hospitals and laboratories, including entry level accreditation	NHSRC NABH/ NABL
	1.2.4 Introduce hospital performance monitoring/ ranking system based on number of indicators, including patient safety indicators	HMIS & NHSRC
	1.2.5 Establish Special Commission to declare "Patient Safe Healthcare Institution" based on adherence to defined standards (Quality Assurance, NABH, etc.)	MOHFW/DGHS
	1.2.6 Streamline accreditation programs for availing incentives in reimbursement benefits the insurance providers	NABH/NQAS/STATE STANDARD/ BIS/ IRDA/ RSBY
	1.2.7 Incorporate fire safety, seismic safety, device safety, structural safety of healthcare facilities into the existing Quality Assurance and Accreditation standards	NABH/NQAS/NATIONAL BUILDING CODE/state govt.
1.3 Establishing a culture of safety and improving communication, patient identification, handing over transfer protocols in healthcare facilities	1.3.1 Develop comprehensive communication strategy for Patient Safety, targeting different stakeholders	MOHFW/DGHS
	1.3.2 Streamline standardization of Patient Safety initiatives at different levels of care through SOPs, algorithms, checklists, etc. (link to Strategic Objective 5)	MOHFW/DGHS /NHSRC

Subsequently, a decision was taken by the NHSRC's Governing Body that separate certification against patient safety standards need not be undertaken

Instead, the existing NQAS framework could be strengthened by adequately incorporating the patient safety requirements

Therefore, a self-assessment tool is developed to support the health facilities in ensuring delivery of safe care







SaQushal

Safety and Quality :
Self-Assessment Tool for Health Facilities



2022

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Government of India

SaQushal

Safety and Quality: Self-Assessment Tool for Health Facilities



Arrangement of Self-Assessment Tool

Area of Concern

Safe Patient
Care
Processes

Clinical Risk
Management

Safe Care
Environment

Patient
Safety
Systems

Scope : Self-Assessment Tool

- All District hospital level facilities
- Later, at the facilities below District Hospitals, in a phased manner

Evolution of Global Patient Safety Movement



To Err is Human

1998

WHA Resolution

2002

1st Global Challenge

2005

To Err is Human

- Clean care is safer care
- Patient Safety 100: A Global Patient Safety Challenge
- Estimated around 98,000 people die in hospitals each year as a result of medical errors in USA
- 5 Moments of infection prevention
- 4th years, globally

2nd Global Challenge

2009

Operational research assembly

Safe Surgery Save Lives

Second WHO Global Patient Safety

Challenge

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1st Global Ministerial Summit

WHA resolution on Patient Safety

Global patient safety action plan

Minimum standards

Global coordination mechanism

Global Patient Safety Ministerial Summit

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3rd Global Challenge

2019

Draft – Global Action Plan

2021-30

WHA Global Action on patient safety

Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021-2030

- January 2021: submitted to the 74th World Health Assembly in 2021 through the 148th session of the Executive Board
- May 2021: approved by the 74th WHA decision
- August 2021: formally launched



Seven Strategic Objectives



SO1

**Policies to eliminate avoidable
harm in health care**



SO2

**High-reliability
systems**



SO3

**Safety of clinical
processes**



SO4

**Patient and family
engagement**



SO5

**Health worker education,
skills and safety**



SO6

**Information, research and
risk management**



SO7

**Synergy, partnership
and solidarity**

Strategic Objective 1

Policies to eliminate avoidable harm in health care

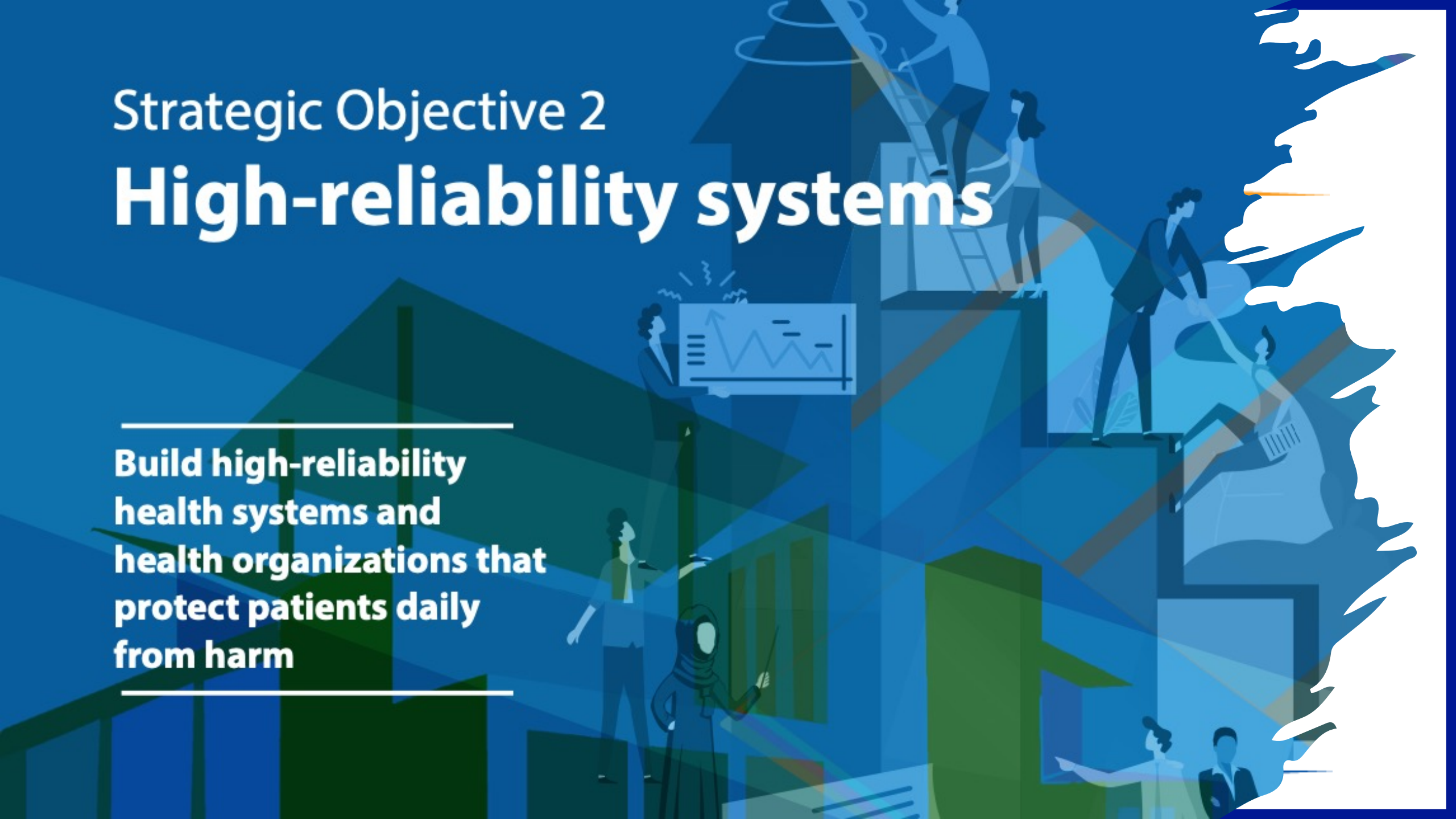
**Make zero avoidable
harm to patients a state
of mind and a rule of
engagement in the
planning and delivery of
health care everywhere**



Strategic Objective 2

High-reliability systems

**Build high-reliability
health systems and
health organizations that
protect patients daily
from harm**



Strategic Objective 3

Safety of clinical processes

Assure the safety of every clinical process



Strategic Objective 4

Patient and family engagement

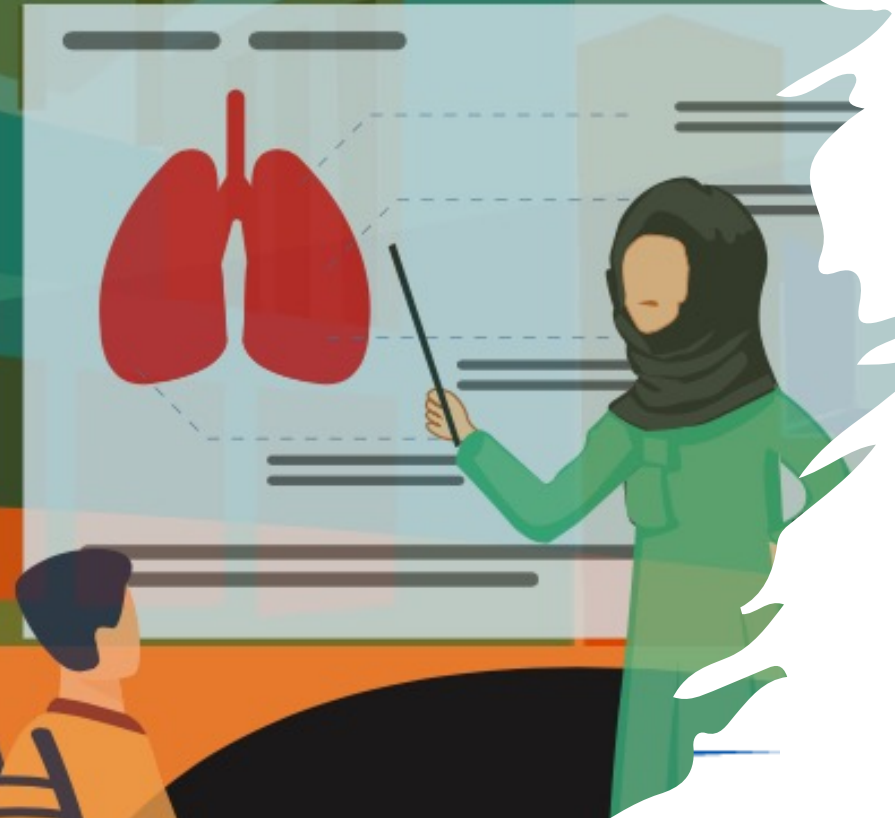
Engage and empower patients and families to help and support the journey to safer health care



Strategic Objective 5

Health worker education, skills and safety

Inspire, educate, skill and
protect health workers to
contribute to the design and
delivery of safe care systems



Strategic Objective 6

Information, research and risk management

Ensure a constant flow of information and knowledge to drive the mitigation of risk, a reduction in levels of avoidable harm, and improvements in the safety of care



Strategic Objective 7

Synergy, partnership and solidarity

**Develop and sustain
multisectoral and
multinational synergy,
partnership and
solidarity to improve
patient safety and
quality of care**



Seven Steps to Patient Safety

1. Lead and support your staff
2. Foster a culture of safety
3. Promote reporting
4. Involve patients and the public
5. Implement solutions to reduce / avoid harm
6. Learn and share safety solutions
7. Integrate your safety management activity



Adapted from: National Patient Safety Agency for the National Health Service

“Seven Steps to Patient Safety – An Overview Guide for NHS Staff”



Patient
Safety

Thank you