

# International Women's Health Organisations Recognise World Patient Safety Day

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Today, our organisations – which represent specialists in obstetrics and gynaecology around the world – come together to celebrate [World Patient Safety Day](#), with a particular focus on this year's theme of safe maternal and newborn care. As organisations dedicated to high quality and timely prenatal, perinatal and postpartum care for pregnant people, we are pleased to collectively join the call to 'act now for safe and respectful childbirth.'

Around the world, nearly 1,000 people die each day from complications during and after pregnancy. Many of these deaths could be prevented by evidence-based medicine, a commitment to a culture of safety in the delivery room, policies that promote and protect patient access, and the respectful provision of care.

On this World Patient Safety Day, our organisations speak with one voice to call for patient-centred care to be delivered equitably around the world, from pre-pregnancy to postpartum. This requires support from government entities and policymakers, as well as collaboration throughout the medical community. In particular, it demands that attention be given to those who face pregnancy in high-risk areas – due to war, racism, violence, hunger, and other strife – and the unique challenges that they face.

The physiological impact of pregnancy is significant and complex, and we all agree that no pregnant person should die a preventable death, whether it be from haemorrhage, infection, hypertension or heart disease. We are grateful to the World Health Organization for its attention to the importance of maternal health for families everywhere.

As the world witnesses the largest global pandemic in the modern era, we have seen the importance of solidarity and collaboration in support of public safety and the greater good of communities. On World Patient Safety Day, we encourage our nations, leaders, neighbours and partners to apply the same approach to maternal and newborn care and the crisis of maternal mortality around the world.

## **Co-signatories**

African Federation of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
Asia & Oceania Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology

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Danish Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
European Board and College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology  
Ethiopian Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
Federation of Portuguese Societies of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
French National College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
Gynecological Society of Uruguay  
Institute of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists of the Royal College of Physicians Ireland  
International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics  
Iraqi Society of Obstetrics & Gynecology  
Italian Society of Gynecology and Obstetrics  
Japan Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
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Mexican Federation of Societies of Gynaecology and Obstetrics  
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Myanmar Medical Association  
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Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Malaysia  
Philippine Obstetrics and Gynecological Society  
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Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists  
Rwanda Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
Society of Estonian Gynaecologists  
Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada  
Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Pakistan  
South African Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists  
South Asia Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

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