

Patients for Patient Safety Declaration of the Spanish Patients and Consumers Associations.

We, citizens and patients,

Defend SAFETY as a basic RIGHT in which we wish to become involved in order to achieve better quality of healthcare.

Demand that Patient Safety be a priority in all National Health Service policies and actions.

Recognise the efforts that are being made, both nationwide within the Spanish National Health Service, via the Spanish Patient Safety Strategy of the MoH, and internationally, to improve Patient Safety.

Demand maximum SAFETY ASSURANCES in all healthcare settings:

- *assurances* that possible adverse effects will be identified, analysed and prevented;
- *assurances* that effective means exist to report any adverse events that may occur;
- *assurances* that we receive care in a clean and safe environment, free of elements that may be harmful to us or to other persons;
- *assurances* that we are offered the best possible care and treatment based on scientific evidence with the best possible use of human and material resources.

We UNDERTAKE to:

- *Take part* in initiatives and programmes designed to improve Patient Safety
- *Collaborate* in the definition of best Patient Safety practices
- *Report* all incidents that may affect our Safety
- *Disseminate* information that may help prevent adverse events and minimise possible health risks in the healthcare process
- *Receive training and collaborate* in Patient Safety training for healthcare professionals and patients.

Society and patients need to be able to place their trust in the Spanish National Health Service. We will make our best efforts to ensure that all persons receive the safest possible care in all healthcare centres.

For this purpose,

We ask COMMITMENT, HONESTY, TRANSPARENCY AND PARTICIPATION of all the institutions and persons concerned.

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