

## **WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN SECOND GLOBAL MINISTERIAL SUMMIT ON PATIENT SAFETY**

*Set to Present Research on Patient Safety in Bonn, Germany*

**Doha, Qatar, March 25, 2017:** The World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH) will attend the Second Global Ministerial Summit on Patient Safety, hosted by the German Federal Minister of Health, Hermann Gröhe, in Bonn, Germany, from March 29 - 30.

The summit is a joint initiative between the office of Mr. Gröhe and that of his British counterpart, Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for Health, UK, to launch an exchange among their opposite numbers around the globe. Last year, WISH presented early findings of research produced by its Leading Health Systems Network (LHSN) at the inaugural Patient Safety Global Action Summit 2016 in London, which was attended by high-level government ministers, policymakers, and healthcare experts from more than 15 countries.

On the first day of the upcoming summit, German and international experts, joined by Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of World Health Organization (WHO); and a representative from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), will address current patient safety challenges. The workshops will cover a spectrum of topics including the economy and efficiency of patient safety as well as global exchange. Many of these workshops will be facilitated by notable WISH community members, including Mr. Victor Dzau, President of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and Chair of WISH 2016 Precision Medicine Forum; Dr. Donald Berwick, President Emeritus and Senior Fellow, Institute for Healthcare Improvement; and Mr. Egbert Schillings, CEO of WISH. Additional issues such as mobile health and how to prevent and control infections are also on the agenda. On the second day, the attendees will discuss health policy consequences in a closing session moderated by Mr. Egbert Schillings.

“The fact that patient safety is an important issue in healthcare is not up for debate. We can all agree that it’s unacceptable that almost one in 10 patients are harmed while receiving care in hospital. For countries, patient harm also represents the most fundamental form of waste in healthcare; it violates all ethical codes of the professions involved, harms human lives, and, along with it, trust in the healthcare system. So, the efforts of the German and UK governments in bringing this issue to ministerial level attention must be applauded and WISH is proud to contribute to this debate at the highest levels of health policy. As a program we have delivered on the challenge that Margaret Chan gave to the delegates in London last year - to put patient safety in every speech and every conversation,” said Mr. Schillings.

Patient Safety is a core area focus for WISH. In 2015 WISH published a landmark report on taking a systems-approach to patient safety; the research was headed by Peter Pronovost at Johns Hopkins University and specifically looked to the defence industry for lessons in safety applicable to healthcare. For the past two years WISH, together with Imperial College London, has convened LSHN, a group of health systems in 13 countries committed to reducing harm through joint inquiry and mutual support. Most recently WISH has published its LSHN findings on comparing harm reporting at a systems level: 'An International Perspective on Patient Safety: What can we learn about measuring safe care?' across systems in India, Australia, New Zealand, Spain, England, Scotland, and Singapore.

WISH is also partnered with MedStar Health from Washington, DC, to bring patient safety training to faculty and students from all health sciences colleges in Qatar each year. The Academy for Emerging Leaders in Patient Safety uses case studies and interactive learning tools to give faculty and students of medicine, nursing, and clinical pharmacy, a solid grounding in the discipline of patient safety, which is still all too often absent from the standard university curriculum. Every year, WISH, a key initiative of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), contributes to Apollo Hospitals' annual Patient Safety Congress in India, the largest summit of its kind in the Asia Pacific Region. The program also proudly supported The First International Conference on Patient Safety held in Rawalpindi, Pakistan, in May 2016.

To learn more about the Leading Health Systems Network (LHSN), please visit:

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### **About the World Innovation Summit for Health:**

The World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH) is a global healthcare community dedicated to capturing and disseminating the best evidence-based ideas and practices. WISH is an initiative of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) and is under the patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, its Chairperson.

The inaugural WISH Summit took place in Doha in 2013 and convened more than 1,000 global healthcare leaders. Through international summits and a range of ongoing initiatives, WISH is creating a global community of leading innovators in healthcare policy, research and industry.



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