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### Health Deputy Minister to lead World Patient Safety Awareness Day

**Pretoria:** The Deputy Minister of Health, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo will tomorrow (Friday, 16 September) lead the virtual discussions around patient safety as part of the World Patient Safety Awareness Day.

The World Patient Safety Awareness Day is one of the World Health Organization (WHO) global public health days which aims to raise awareness about high burden of medication-related harm due to medication errors and unsafe practices.

The WHO advocates actions to improve medication safety and reduce patient harm. Medication errors are preventable practices with potential to cause severe physical injury, emotional stress and possible death to patients. These can also lead to financial strain against the healthcare providers as a result of litigations.

The Department in collaboration with the WHO, South African Health Products Regulatory Authority and academic institutions will host a webinar under the theme: **“Medication Safety - “Medication without Harm”**, which serves as a call to action to healthcare providers to strive for provision of safer and high quality healthcare at all times.

Some of the topics to be discussed at the webinar include the role of the regulator in medicine safety; maintaining service standards for prescribing –avoiding the pitfalls to ensure medicine safety, and challenges together with key actions.

#### Details of the webinar are as follows:

**Date:** Friday, 16 September 2022

**Time:** 10h00

**Link:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_CdEidYY6QeWluzA6DzG-Yg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CdEidYY6QeWluzA6DzG-Yg)

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