

## The 7<sup>th</sup> World Patient Safety Day and the 9<sup>th</sup> Thailand Patient and Personnel Safety Day

"Safe care for every newborn and every child"

On September 17, 2025, the Aswin Grand Convention Hotel in Bangkok hosted a momentous event celebrating both the 6<sup>th</sup> World Patient Safety Day and the 8<sup>th</sup> Thailand Patient and Personnel Safety Day. This year's theme, "Safe care for every newborn and child" along with the theme, Under the slogan 'Patient safety from the start!'. Emphasizing the need for stronger measures to protect children from preventable harm in health care.



Strengthening safety in paediatric and newborn care is essential to achieving universal health coverage and the Sustainable Development Goal 3.2 target of ending preventable deaths of newborns and children under the age of five.

In 2025, the Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) was recorded with 254,370 live births and 1,293 neonatal deaths within the first 28 days of life. In addition, the Infant Mortality Rate for children aged less than or equal to one year was 38,306 cases. Data from the National Reporting and Learning System (NRLS) also indicated 3,690 adverse events in maternal and child care that resulted in severe consequences for patients (E-up level).

The event was organized by the Healthcare Accreditation Institute, in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health and 21 healthcare network partners. A total of 500 hospitals from across the country participated, reflecting a strong commitment to advancing patient and personnel safety in Thailand's healthcare system. The meeting was viewed via Facebook Live by a total of 1.7K viewers. In addition, 2,000 participants joined through Zoom, while 648 people attended the event onsite.



## Activity Highlight

### Opening Remarks & Address

Professor Dr. Prasit Watanapa, M.D., representing the Minister of Public Health, delivered the keynote address, focusing on the World Health Organization's message on "The Importance of Safety in Thailand's Healthcare System." During the ceremony, recognition was given to 48 hospitals, and recognize 99 hospitals, drive together for sustainable safety in healthcare that became members of the 3P Safety Project in 2025. These hospitals were invited to the Annual Certification Award Ceremony to meet the HA Hospital Safety Standards



### Panel Discussion

#### Speak up: Thailand Safe care for every newborn and every child: WHO Representative Thailand, General of the Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health (Thailand), The Royal Thai College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, The Royal College of Pediatrics of Thailand and the Healthcare Accreditation Institute (HAI).



The direction emphasizes protecting newborns and all children from preventable harm within the healthcare system, as they are the most vulnerable group. This includes ensuring safety during childbirth, postnatal care, medication use, diagnosis, immunization, and infection prevention. Every child in the world deserves safe, equitable, and high-quality care.

#### Session: Together for Sustainable Safety in Healthcare

The expert speakers from Chaiyo hospital, Ang Thong Hospital, Thammasat University Hospital, Kasemrad Hospital Prachachuen, Somdej Phra Yuparat Chawang Hospital and The Healthcare Accreditation Institute shared lessons and key success factors for building sustainable safety systems. They highlighted the importance of strong leadership, accountability, and fostering a culture of learning and safety among healthcare staff.



#### Session: Together for Safer Care from Newborn to every Child

Expert speakers from Prince of Songkla University, Buddhachinaraj Hospital Phitsanulok, Thammasat University Hospital, Si-Satchanalai Hospital, and The Healthcare Accreditation Institute (HAI) addressed the critical challenges in caring for preterm infants. They emphasized that this complex medical issue requires an integrated approach, beginning with antenatal care (ANC) and extending through neonatal intensive care (NICU). The primary goals are to enhance safety and reduce clinical risks. The key

processes include risk screening and assessment, error prevention and management, monitoring of warning signs, and managing preterm-specific conditions such as respiratory distress, infections, and intracranial hemorrhage. Success relies on close collaboration among multidisciplinary teams—obstetricians, pediatricians, nurses, and PCT teams. In addition, healthcare facilities focus on promoting family engagement through education, skill-building in infant care, and fostering a shared safety culture. This integrated strategy is central to building a sustainable, high-standard system of care for preterm infants.



**Session: 2P Safety Sustainable Innovations in Healthcare** The development of healthcare safety innovations focuses on reducing human error by leveraging technology to address pain points and enhance workplace safety. Two notable innovations are the **Online Shift Patient transporter System** from Sawanpracharak Hospital and the **Rapid Response Alert** from Hat Yai Hospital. At present, both innovations have been scaled up and adopted by more than 30 hospitals nationwide.

**Exhibition and E-Poster Presentation 3P Safety Hospital Project total 84 Poster**

- Timeline showcased the global and Thai safety movement
- CQI Root Cause Analysis (RCA) 9 Essential Standard: 19 posters
- CQI Newborn Safety Issue: 40 posters
- CQI featuring data analysis from tools like NRLS, HSCS, PEP: 25 posters
- HAI Boot
- Innovations developed in collaboration with the NSTDA were highlighted, demonstrating advancements in healthcare safety practices. 15 Boot



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