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FDA CELEBRATES 2025 WORLD PATIENT SAFETY DAY

The Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) join the rest of the world to celebrate World Patient Safety Day. This annual event, initiated by the World Health Organization, will be celebrated on Wednesday, 17th September 2025 and is dedicated to raising awareness about patient safety and advocating for better healthcare practices.

The theme for this year's celebration is **“Safer Care for Every Newborn and Every Child,”** highlights the urgent need to ensure safe and high-quality healthcare services for the youngest and most vulnerable members of society right from the start. It resonates deeply with the FDA's commitment to protect and promote the health of newborns and children across Ghana.

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The FDA is mandated to regulate the manufacture, importation, distribution, and sale of medical products including medicines, vaccines, medical devices, and diagnostic products, to ensure they are safe, effective, and of good quality. In line with this year's World Patient Safety Day theme, the FDA reminds patients and the public of its ongoing safety monitoring activities. The Authority urges the prompt reporting of suspected adverse reactions and defective products that could compromise the health of newborns, children, and the public to enable appropriate regulatory action to be taken.

The tools available to report safety issues of medical products, including diagnostics are the Med Safety App (available from Play Store and App Store for Android and

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iOS devices respectively). There are the Adverse Reactions Reporting forms (available in healthcare facilities), and the BlueForm (available from Community Pharmacies designated as Patient Safety Centers). One can also call the FDA on mobile number 024 4310 297. These tools are designed to encourage reporting of adverse incidents and side effects to medical products, by consumers, patients, and health care professionals.

To mark this year's World Patient Safety Day celebrations, the FDA has planned a series of nationwide media and stakeholder engagement activities across the regions. These activities will equip and empower healthcare providers, caregivers, and the public with information on how to effectively report safety issues related to

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healthcare products and diagnostics. They are also to promote practices that safeguard the health and well-being of newborns and children. This is aimed at enhancing their participation in the FDA's mission to ensure the safety of medical products and healthcare practices for every child.

For all inquiries and concerns, please reach out to us through the contacts below.

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