

The Alignment of “**Safeties**”: Nursing Safety for Patient Safety

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Question:

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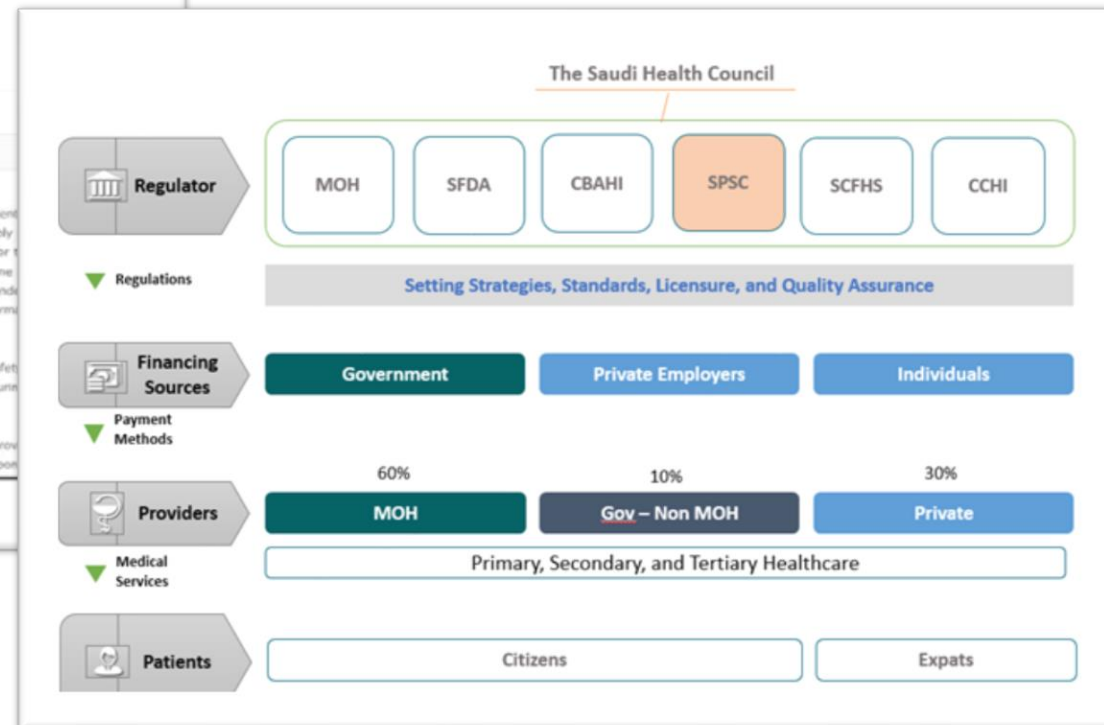
Al-Rabiah Inaugurates Saudi Center for Patient Safety

19 March 2017

His Excellency the Minister of Health Dr. Tawfiq Al-Rabiah inaugurated today, Sunday, Saudi Center for Patient Safety. On this occasion he extended thanks and appreciation to the Custodians of the Two Holy Crown Prince and the Deputy Crown Prince, may Allah protect them, for their unlimited support for Health efforts to develop the health sector in the Kingdom. He confirmed that the center is one of the initiatives to improve the health care and a practical implementation of the development process under the ministry and in implementation of one of the most important initiatives of the National Transformation Program (NTP) in the health sector.

He said that the center will represent a national reference for all matters related to patient safety, preventing medical errors and will work to develop the national strategy for patient safety and ensure with the initiatives of the NTP in the health sector.

Al-Rabiah expressed hope that the center will achieve the desired objectives and contribute to improve services, confirming that the patient safety is one of the most important health priorities, upon



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Our Vision

Safer Healthcare for ALL



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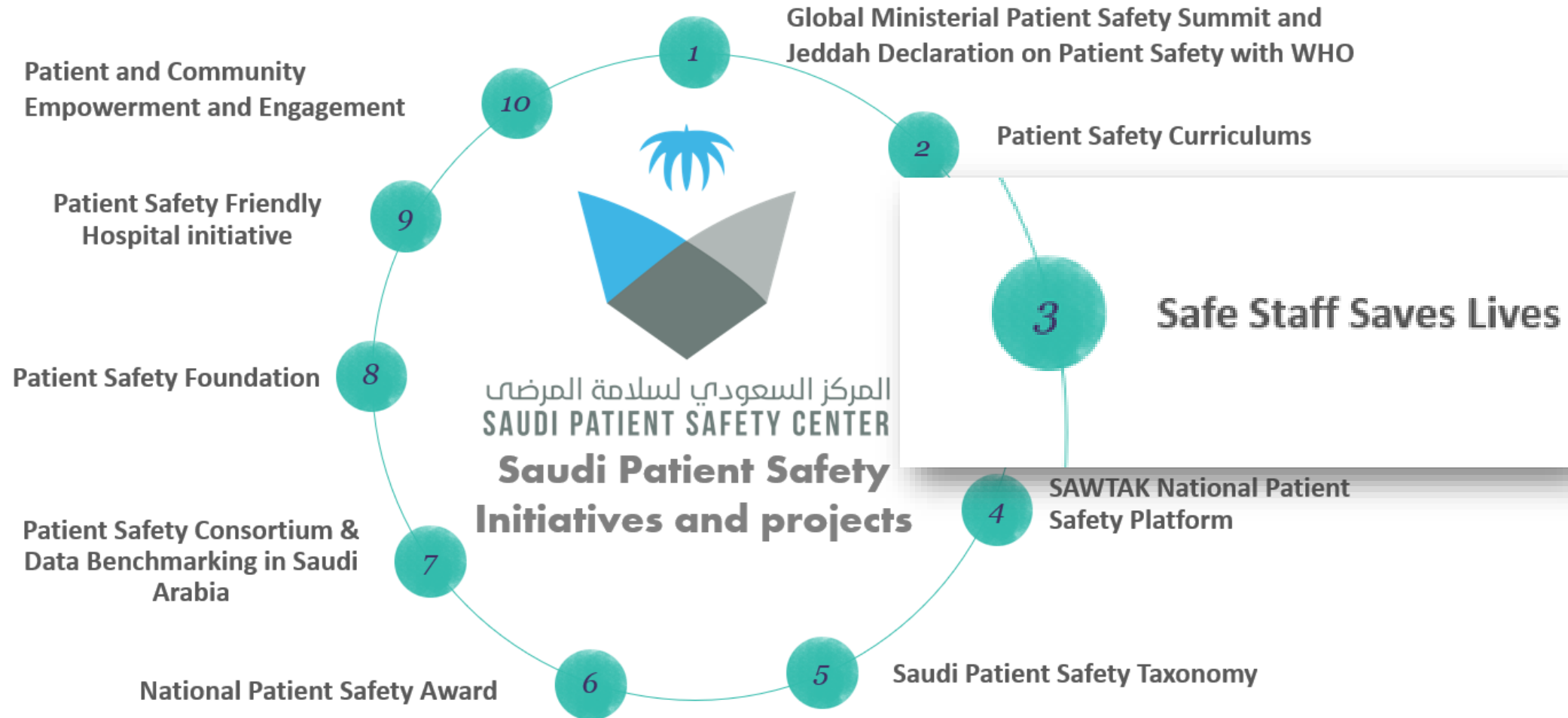
Our Mission

To eliminate preventable **harm** in our healthcare system, by **empowering** patients and **supporting** healthcare professionals, through building capacity, partnering with all stakeholders in developing national policies, creating evidence based guidelines and executing programs.

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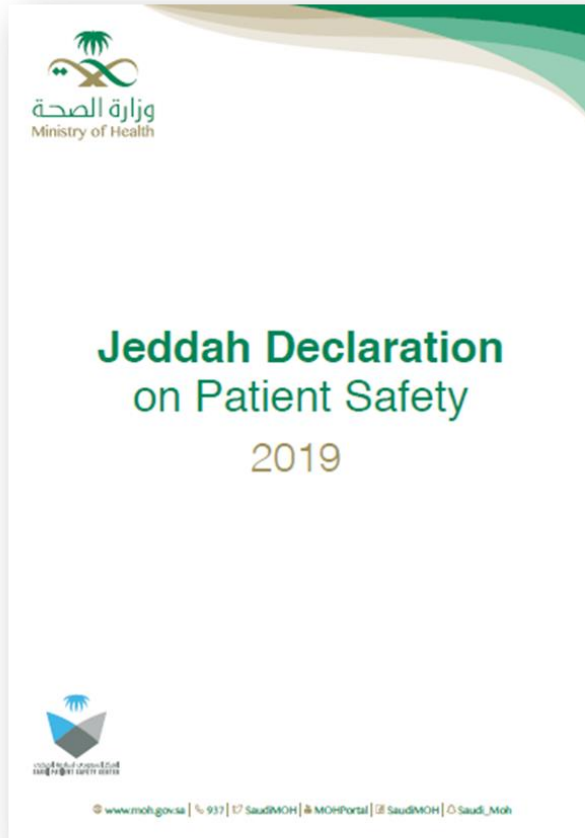
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5. Implement and sustain National Reporting & Learning Systems for Patient Safety
Emphasizing the importance of countries establishing their Reporting & Learning Systems (institutional, local, national and/or global) for Adverse Events. Such systems should promote standardization through the presence of unified Taxonomy (Nomenclature) for Adverse Events.

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Workforce Safety (Physical & Psychological) is paramount to Patient Safety. Hence, it's important that countries adopt national policies addressing the following:

- Second Victims: to be supported by relevant departments within hospitals (healthcare facilities).
- **Appropriate Nursing Staffing & Skill Mix in hospitals.**
- Undergraduate curriculum for Medical, Nursing, Dental and Allied Health Sciences (and related) degrees to include a Patient Safety and Improvement Science embedded curriculum.
- Using innovative approaches for training of health professionals such as Inter Professional Education.

out Harm, in community pharmacies. Such move would help improve medication safety as well as strengthening the efforts of patient empowerment and community engagement.

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2019 WHA: Global Action on Patient Safety Resolution!³

Safe Staff Saves Lives

**National/International Campaign
Collaboration between SPSC,
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and healthcare professionals.**



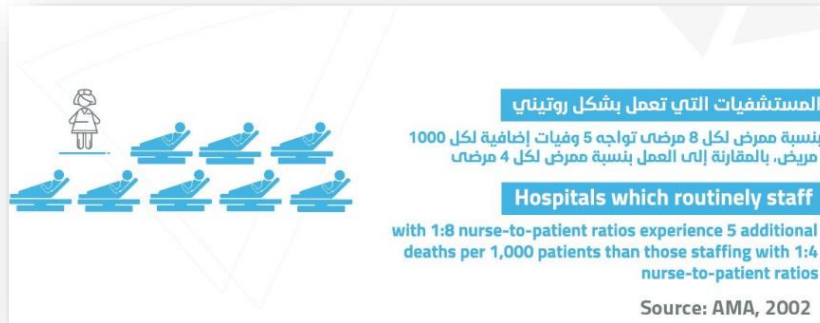
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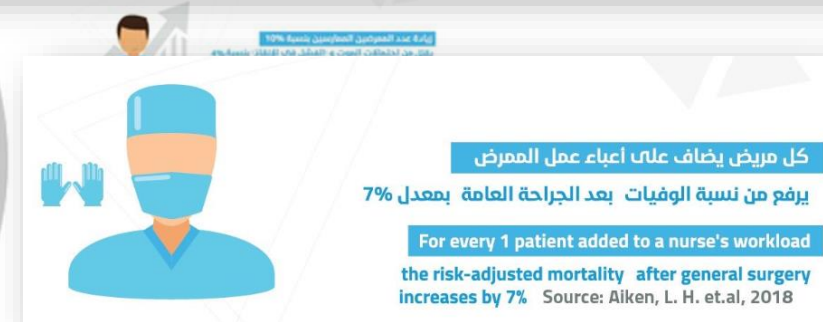
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Evidence
on workforce
safety and
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is
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Why the need for the White paper?

We have a national commitment to ensure a Safer healthcare for ALL.

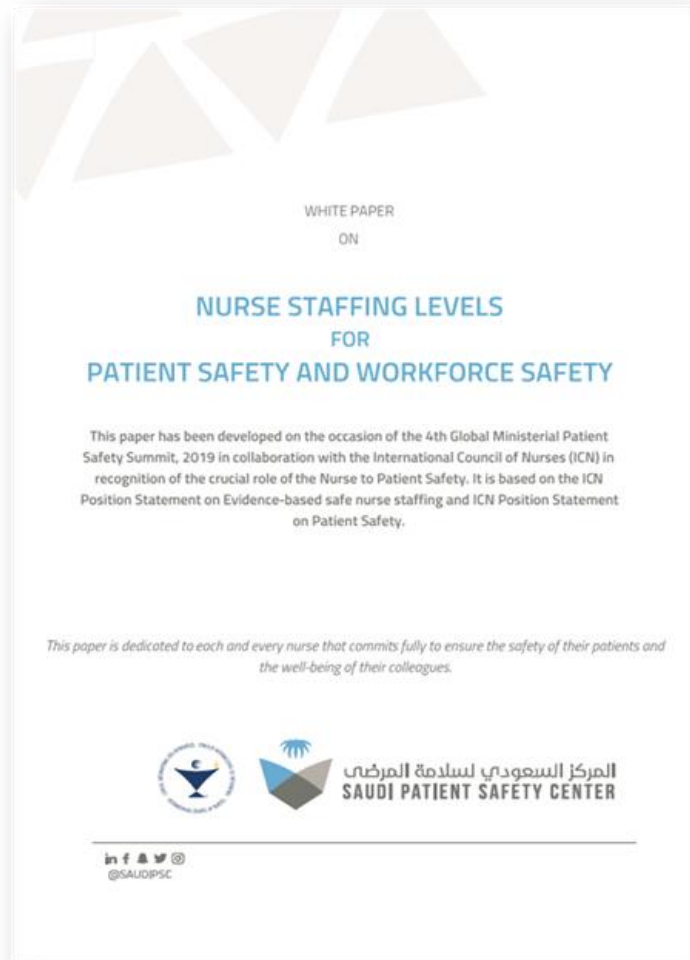
ALL = Patients + Healthcare Workforce!



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- **Safe Nursing Ratios**
- **Second Victim Programs**

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White paper highlights

- It presents the **evidence** that supports the need for safe nurse staffing ratios.
- Enhances the **impact of unsafe staffing ratios on patient outcomes** and, as important, on **the workforce safety**.
- It exposes the **business case for safe nursing staff ratios** regarding the Return On Investment (ROI) for institutions that strive for safer patient care.
- Describes the **recommendations reflected in the ICN Position Statement on Evidence-based safe nurse staffing, released in 2018** (ICN, 2018)

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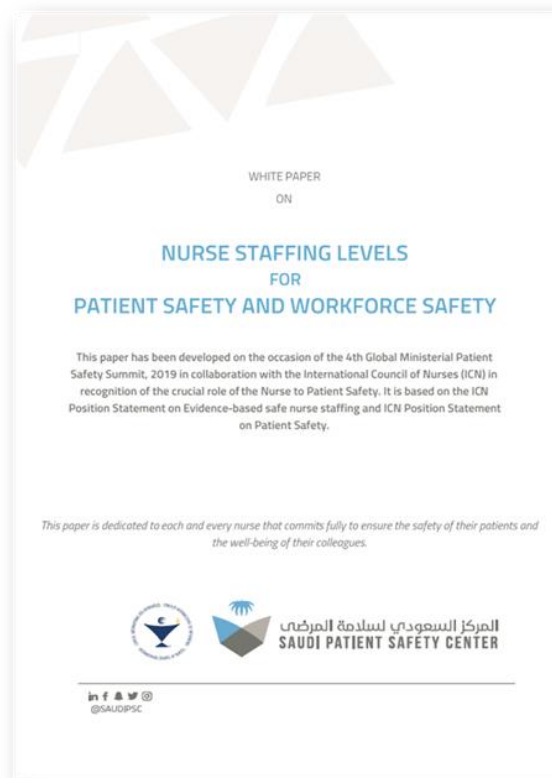
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SAFE nursing staff ratios

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Important considerations:

- **“no size fits all”**, nurse-to-patient ratio varies across wards, may vary within the same unit and throughout the same shift, and are thereby not rigid.
- ratios must be **determined by each unit nurse management team** to safely meet patients and nurses’ needs.
- **Specific factors*** (...) must be systematically assessed at the unit level (...) as frequently as needed to ensure that the needs of individual patients and nurses are met throughout a 24-hour period.
- consider the overall **availability of ancillary staff/allied health professionals**.
- **Evidence-based decision support tools** must be applied to better determine the safest nurse-to-patient ratios.
- The bottom line to determine nurse-to-patient ratios must be always the **safety of patient care and the safety of the nurses providing care** and not the number of staff available.



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National Press Conference



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Celebrity Power: Healthcare Vs. Mainstream Influencers for Patient Safety



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Conclusion

- Safe Staff Saves Lives.
- Safe Nursing Ratios.
- Celebrities for Patient Safety.
- **Nurses for Patient Safety (ICN)!**



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