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# Rising to the WHO Medication Without Harm Challenge

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# House keeping

# And meet the Team

# Current & Past Medicines Use and Safety (MUS) Team

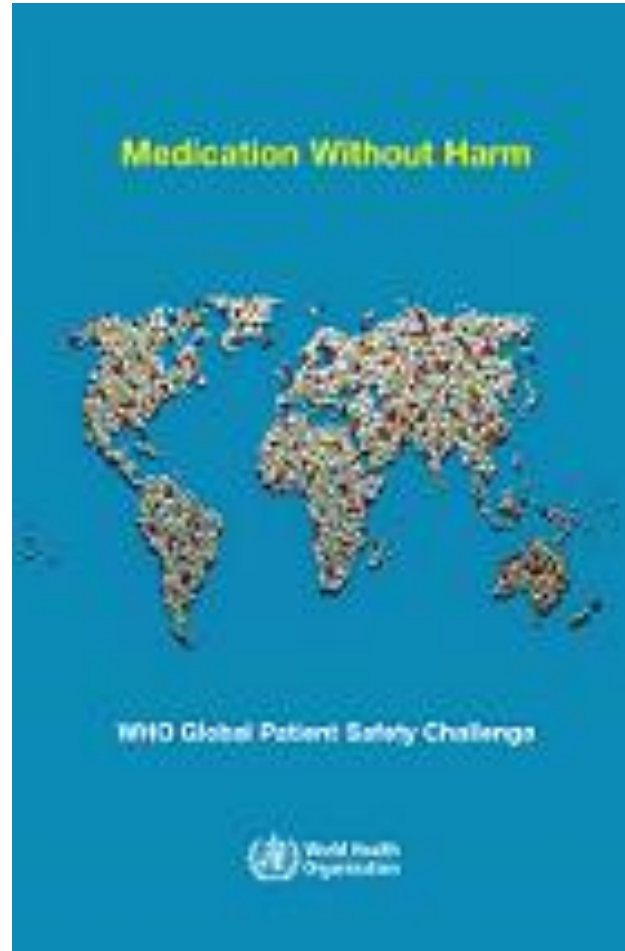




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# The third Global Patient Safety Challenge



# The Global Patient Safety Challenges

Previous challenges – handwashing, surgical checklist



The third is Medication Without Harm

# Medication Without Harm -launched March 2017

Overall goal -  
*Reduce the level of  
severe, avoidable  
harm related to  
medications by  
50% over 5 years,  
globally*

UK government's  
response is being  
worked up – likely  
to be launched in  
Spring 2018

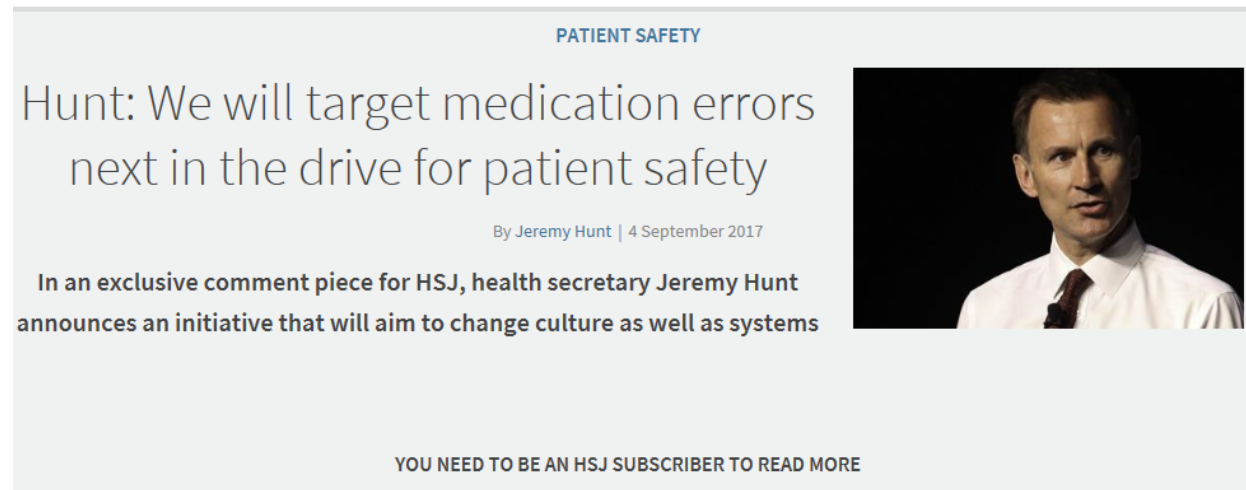


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PATIENT SAFETY

## Hunt: We will target medication errors next in the drive for patient safety

By Jeremy Hunt | 4 September 2017

In an exclusive comment piece for HSJ, health secretary Jeremy Hunt  
announces an initiative that will aim to change culture as well as systems



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## WHO Domains

**Patients and Public** (are not always medication wise and too often are passive recipients .....

**Medicines** (are sometimes complex and can be puzzling in their names or packaging .....

**Health Care Professionals** (sometimes prescribe and administer medicines in ways and circumstances that increase the risk of harm to patients .....

**Systems and practice of medication** (are complex and often dysfunctional and can be made more resilient to risk and harm .....

## Key action areas

Early priority actions (effectively manage three key areas to protect patients from harm)

- High-risk situations
- Polypharmacy
- Transitions of care

Developmental programmes (take action to improve safety in each of the four domains)

Global action – by WHO

<http://www.who.int/patientsafety/medication-safety/en/>