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SWISS PATIENT SAFETY FOUNDATION

## **Strategy 2023 – 2027**

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## STRATEGY 2023 – 2027

«A goal without a plan is just a wish.» — Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

The present strategy paper outlines how the Swiss Patient Safety Foundation will work systematically and sustainably over the next five years to ensure safe healthcare in all sectors and all parts of the country for the benefit of all stakeholders.

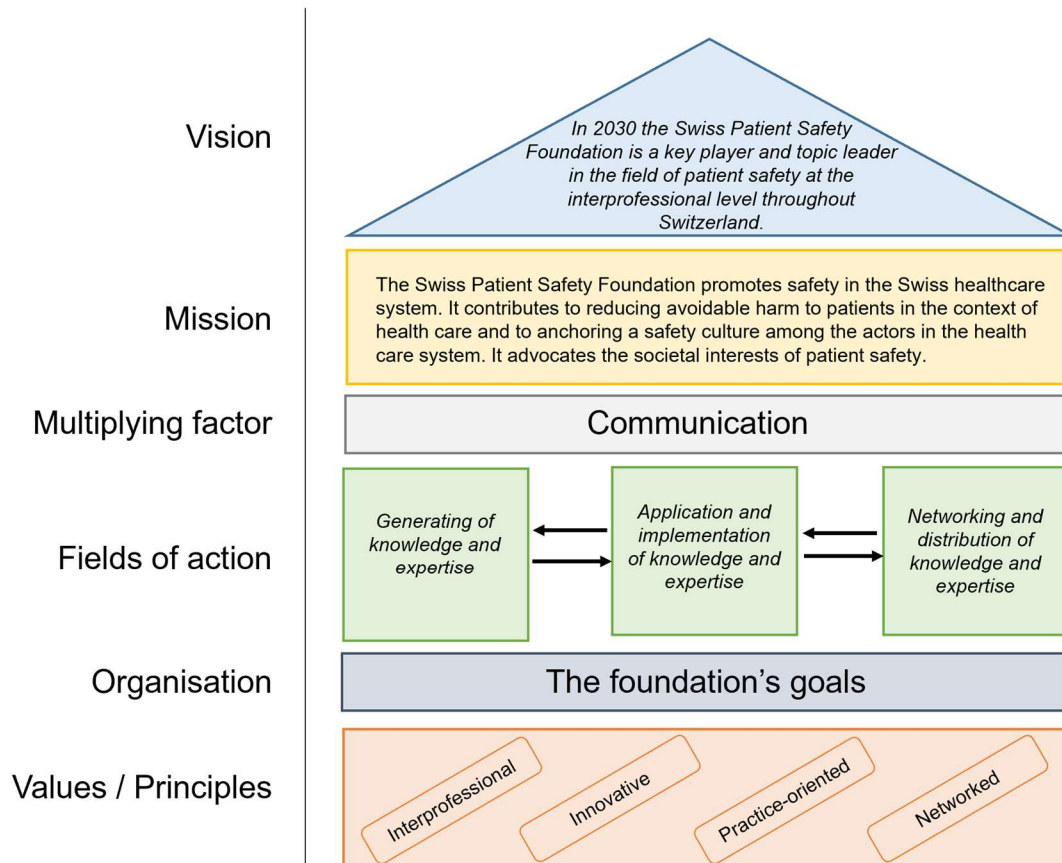
The Swiss Patient Safety Foundation is committed to a constructive and consistent safety culture in healthcare. In cooperation with public health actors, it launches and implements national quality programmes and projects as well as provides services for the sustainable improvement of patient safety. The main focus thus lies on the broad, institutional and cross-sectoral implementation of measures to improve safety culture and the informing of professionals and the general public about these safety issues.

### Strategy

The strategy of the Swiss Patient Safety Foundation forms the foundation, as described below, for an action-oriented strategic planning process from the highest level of abstraction «*vision and mission*» up to the «*strategic goals*». Furthermore, the framework for action is described in the sections *Fields of Action*, *Values / Principles and Communication*. The following figure shows the hierarchical structure of this strategy.



## Strategic planning of the Swiss Patient Safety Foundation



### Vision

The Swiss Patient Safety Foundation pursues the following vision:

*«In 2030 the Swiss Patient Safety Foundation is a key player and thematical leader on an interprofessional level in the field of patient safety throughout Switzerland.»*

### Mission

The Swiss Patient Safety Foundation works with the following mission:

*«The Swiss Patient Safety Foundation promotes safety in the Swiss healthcare system. It contributes to reducing avoidable harm to patients in the context of health care and to anchoring a safety culture among the actors in the health care system. It advocates the societal interests of patient safety.»*



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## **Strategic fields of action**

To fulfil its mission, the Swiss Patient Safety Foundation is active in three fields of action:

**Field of action «Generation of knowledge and expertise»**

**Field of action «Application and implementation of knowledge and expertise»**

**Field of action «Networking and diffusion of knowledge and expertise»**

## **Values / Principles**

The Swiss Patient Safety Foundation advocates a constructive and consistent safety culture in healthcare. For this, the foundation relies on:

- **Credibility through independence and competence**
- **High level of scientific, professional and practical expertise**
- **Broad interprofessional networking**
- **Practical implementation of current knowledge**
- **Close involvement of all parties**
- **Promotion of interprofessional and interinstitutional cooperation in patient safety**

## **Foundation's goals**

The strategic goals of the fields of action are defined in the «Procedural Concept - Organisational Development of the Swiss Patient Safety Foundation» as well as in the respective annual, programme and project goals. A strategic goal-setting process is planned by means of a five-year plan and the regular revision of the organisational development goals (see below). Responsibilities within the foundation as well as the goal-setting process and the annual goals are described in separate documents.



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## **Organisational development goals**

The organisational development goals are specific, strategic goals of the foundation for the purpose of organisational development.

The following four organisational development goals currently guide the foundation until the end of the year 2025:

- 1. Securing sustainable, broad-based funding to fulfil the foundation's tasks.**
- 2. Implementation of a revised organisational concept for the foundation, which in particular also contains governance regulations.**
- 3. Further development of the branch office into a broadly perceived specialist centre for patient safety.**
- 4. Strengthening cooperation with relevant actors to achieve the foundation's goals.**

## **Communication**

Communication plays a key role in the implementation of this strategy. A distinction must be made between professional communication and public communication.

Once the strategy 2023-2027 has been defined, a communication plan will be drawn up, which outlines the foundation's active communication to professionals and the public as well as dealing with media enquiries.