A study conducted in six countries of the Region (all with developing or transitional economies) revealed that up to 18% of inpatient admissions in hospitals are associated with adverse events. Importantly, around 3% of hospital admissions are associated with death or permanent disability and 83% of such adverse events were judged to be preventable. This is an important study and calls the attention of policy-makers to the extent of the problem of unsafe health care. It also sheds light on the key areas that require attention.

Related link

Evidence of unsafe care

Sunday 27th of April 2025 09:52:10 AM