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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Baxa Corporation Honors Annual Global Patient Safety Day with Five Tenets for Creating a Culture of Safety in Hospital Pharmacies**

Englewood, Colo. – On July 25<sup>th</sup> at noon Eastern Time, families, healthcare providers and consumer groups will join together for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual [Global Patient Safety Day](#) and observe a moment of silence in remembrance of patients and families who have lost their lives, or quality of life, due to a medical error.

In honor of Global Patient Safety Day, [Baxa Corporation](#) urges professionals in the healthcare community to take proactive steps to strengthen patient safety practices and policies.

Baxa offers the following five tenets to help make every day patient safety day:

- **Humans make errors:** No amount of training, thoughtful product design or technology support can eliminate all possibility of error. Safeguarding patients means minimizing the opportunities for error, while recognizing that errors *will* occur.
- **Safe health-system cultures start at the top:** Building a safe culture must be part of every decision made. That “culture” is the set of shared attitudes, values, goals and practices that characterize the organization.
- **Systems cause errors:** Learn to use errors and near misses to find the systemic issues that put caregivers – and therefore patients – in harm’s way.
- **Any process and procedure can contribute to patient safety:** No health system process or procedure is so distant from patient care that it cannot impact patient safety.
- **Identify and correct at-risk behavior:** Safe systems work only when people are compliant with safe practice.

Baxa continually demonstrates a strong commitment to helping its customers create – and maintain – a culture of safety through the development of products and services that re-engineer medication use processes within the pharmacy. Each day, Baxa Corporation enables health-system pharmacists in more than 3,000 hospitals worldwide to produce more than 450,000 safe medication doses.

Those interested in helping to ignite the patient safety conversation can participate by joining the [Culture of Safety](#) page on Facebook. Or, professionals seeking to learn more about the topic can download a Culture of Safety technical paper [here](#).

### **About Baxa Corporation**

Baxa, a customer-focused medical device company, provides innovative, solution-based technologies for medication handling and delivery. Its systems and devices promote the safe and efficient preparation, handling, packaging, and administration of medications. Key products include the Abacus<sup>®</sup> Order Entry and Calculation Software, the DoseEdge<sup>™</sup>



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