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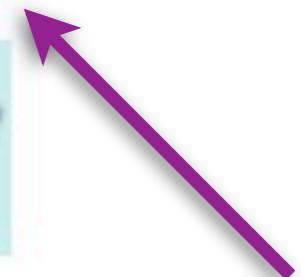
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Международные новости «

- 100 тысяч рублей заплатит учредитель телеканала за рекламу абортов (Коми)
- В Башкирии заведующий поликлиникой осужден за получение взятки
- Обеспечить лекарствами больных с редкими

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# \* Welcome

This site was created to address the legal, ethical, and human rights norms which are increasingly important to the delivery of quality patient care. In our experience, health systems can too often be places of punishment, coercion, breaches of confidentiality, and violations of the right to consent, rather than places of treatment and care. At the same time, doctors and health practitioners are often constrained in their ability to provide quality care to their patients, or are unaware of how to incorporate ethical and human rights norms into their work.

This website unites the country sites of Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Macedonia, Russia and Ukraine, with Kyrgyzstan coming online soon. The centerpiece of each site is "Human Rights in Patient Care: A Practitioner Guide." These guides, customized to reflect the legal reality of each nation, include relevant laws and regulations, cases, tools, sample forms, and practical tips for lawyers defending the human rights of both patients and health care providers. The field of human rights in patient care is constantly changing and evolving and periodic updates of the Practitioner Guides will be available on the country sites. The websites also provide ways to connect lawyers, health providers, and patients concerned about human rights in patient care.

By working together, we will be able to increase the protection of human rights of patients and health care providers in the provision of patient care.

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# \* PG Description

"Human Rights in Patient Care: A Practitioner Guide" is a joint project of the Open Society Foundations' Law and Health Initiative (LHI), Human Rights and Governance Grants Program (HRGGP), Russia Project, and the National Foundations in Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Moldova, and Ukraine.

**Background**  
Legal, ethical, and human rights norms are an increasingly important component of the delivery of quality medical care. The Open Society Foundations' work on behalf of society's most marginalized persons — injection drug users, people living with HIV, sex workers, Roma and other ethnic minorities — has shown that health systems can too often be places of punishment, coercion, and violations of basic rights to consent and confidentiality, rather than places of treatment and care. At the same time, doctors and health practitioners are often constrained in their ability to provide quality care to their patients, or are unaware of how to incorporate ethical and human rights norms into their work. There is an urgent need to support legal and administrative remedies for individual and systemic human rights abuse in health settings, and at the same time to establish non-punitive mechanisms of incorporating normative principles into patient care.

**The Practitioner Guides Project**  
To this end, LHI, in partnership with seven national foundations and the Russia Project, is supporting the development of a series of Practitioner Guides and companion country websites for lawyers interested in taking patient rights cases. These are practical, how-to manuals, covering both litigation and alternative mechanisms such as ombudspersons and medical licensing bodies. They examine patient and provider rights and responsibilities and procedural mechanisms at national, regional, and international levels. Guides are currently being produced in Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine.

**Dissemination**  
These Practitioner Guides will be used as a basis for training and litigation support. They show particular potential as a resource in clinical legal education programs. Although legal practitioners are the primary audience for the

# \* News Feed

03-06-00 [LAHI Fellow announcement] Open Society Foundations-Armenia (OSF-Armenia) and Law and Health Initiative (LHI) New York (LHI) are pleased to announce a one-year fellowship program for a recent law graduate in law, human rights and patient care.

03-06-00 [LAHI] Attacks on health care workers in conflict zones 21.05.12 - Johns Hopkins Human Rights Advocate Urges WHO Action to Protect Healthcare Workers in Humanitarian Crises.

03-06-00 [Zambia] Zambia: Concern Over Reproductive Health Rights 19.05.12 - THE Planned Parenthood Association of Zambia (PPAZ) has expressed concern over article 52 contained in the new draft constitution saying the article has been overshadowed by article 28(1) of the same draft.

03-06-00 [Harm Reduction] 16.04.12 - Is harm reduction controversial? No, it is not. The UN General Assembly has clearly endorsed the term in its Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS, in which governments committed themselves to ensure access to a "wide range of prevention programs", including ... harm-reduction efforts related to drug use". The UN agency on HIV/AIDS defines what harm reduction is: "Harm reduction measures such as access to sterile injection equipment, treatment such as methadone and buprenorphine; community-based outreach; and providing information are among the most effective and cost-effective measures to prevent, the epidemic among drug users." (Read more about UN statements on harm reduction here!) Is harm reduction

# \* Useful Links

Active Citizenship Network  
Web-site: [www.activecitizenship.net](http://www.activecitizenship.net)

Amnesty International Health Professional Network  
Web-site: [www.amnesty.org](http://www.amnesty.org)

Consultation on Human Rights Trainings for Providers: Expert Consultation posted:  
Web-site: [www.soros.org](http://www.soros.org)

Doctors for Human Rights  
Web-site: [www.doctorsforhumanrights.org](http://www.doctorsforhumanrights.org)

European Association of Health Law  
Web-site: [www.eahl.eu](http://www.eahl.eu)

Health and Human Rights: A Resource Guide (Introduction; Chapter 1)  
Web-site: [www.equalpartners.info](http://www.equalpartners.info)

International Labour Organization  
Web-site: [www.ilo.org](http://www.ilo.org)

INTERIGHTS  
Web-site: [www.interights.org](http://www.interights.org)

Physicians for Human Rights  
Web-site: [www.physiciansforhumanrights.org](http://www.physiciansforhumanrights.org)

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights  
Web-site: [www.ohchr.org](http://www.ohchr.org)

University of Minnesota Human Rights Library Collection  
Web-site: [www1.umn.edu](http://www1.umn.edu)

World Association of Medical Law  
Web-site: [www.thewaml.com](http://www.thewaml.com)

## \* About the Fellows

The screenshot shows the HealthRights website with a yellow header bar. The main title is "HealthRights" with the subtitle "Human Rights in Patient Care". Below the header are navigation links: HOME PAGE, MISSION, INTERNATIONAL NEWS, PRACTITIONER GUIDES, USEFUL LINKS, CONTACTS, COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE, and FELLOWSHIPS. Language options RUS ENG are also present. A sidebar on the right says "This site is supported by". The main content area is titled "Legal Fellows in Human Rights and Patient Care". It includes a paragraph about the fellowship program, a mission statement, information about practitioners guides, and a photo of a person. A link to "click here" is at the bottom.



The screenshot shows the "Community of Practice" website with a yellow header bar. The main title is "Community of Practice" followed by "HealthRights" and "www.Health-Rights.org Human Rights In Patient Care". Below the header are navigation links: HOME PAGE, TEACHING, TRAININGS, MEDIA TOOLS, PRACTITIONER GUIDES, ABOUT THE PROJECT, and CONTACT US. Language options ENGLISH ПУСТОМ are shown. The main content area has a heading "WELCOME" with a photo of a person. It describes the purpose of the community, mentioning sections like Teaching Law and Health, Trainings on Human Rights in Patient Care, and Media Tools. Below this are sections for "Most Downloaded" and "All Documents". A sidebar on the right includes a "Sign in" form, a "Search" bar, and social media links for Flickr, RSS, and mail.

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