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### Round Table: Patients' rights protection – achievements and challenges

**What:** On the occasion of International Anti-Corruption Day, the Ministry of Health in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Montenegro will organize a round table on protection of the rights of patients. Participants in the round table will be ombudspersons, representatives of the Ministry of Health and the Doctors' Chamber of Montenegro, as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations.

#### Introductory words at the round table:

**Rastislav Vrbensky, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative to Montenegro**  
**prim. dr. Jadranka Lakićević, Deputy Minister of Health at the Government of Montenegro**

**Comparative experiences and recommendations for enhancing patients' rights protection will be presented by:**  
**mr. sc. Đula Rušinović-Sunara, dr. med., UNDP consultant, President of the Association for the Protection of the Patients' Rights of the Republic of Croatia**

**When: Friday, 9 December 2011, at 10h**  
**Gdje: Crna Gora Hotel, Green Hall, Podgorica**

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A series of measures has been undertaken lately in Montenegro aimed at improving the quality of health care and protecting of patients' rights, including the appointment of ombudspersons in all health facilities. To achieve this goal, among other things, further efforts are required to raise public awareness about the work of ombudspersons and to analyze opportunities for improvement of existing solutions.

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This round table "Patients' rights protection – achievements and challenges" is another step in a successful cooperation between the Ministry of Health, UNDP and the World Health Organization that took place during development of a research entitled "The Integrity Assessment of the Health System in Montenegro". The study indicated the significant presence of informal payments in the health care, thus violating the equality and predictability in the process. Informal payments affect most vulnerable social groups and barriers to social inclusion. The survey can be found on the website of the Ministry of Health: <http://www.mzdravlja.gov.me/biblioteka/dokument>

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