

The Role of the Pharmacist in Individual Patient Care

Patients must get the best possible outcome from the use of their medicines.

Pharmaceutical Care implies that patients receive quality healthcare services provided by pharmacists, aimed at improving outcomes according to patients' individual needs.

The health system must enable the pharmacist to operate effectively within it.

This declaration sets the agenda for the pharmacist's role in individual patient care within the context of pharmaceutical care.

As a result of the joint WHO EuroPharm Forum conference in Copenhagen 2010

The EuroPharm Forum declares:

- The well-being of the patient is the pharmacist's primary focus.
- Pharmacists offer their professional competence and skills to support patients with the safe and rational use of medicines.
- Pharmacists provide evidence based care.
- Pharmacists work collaboratively with other health care professionals to advance best practice and optimize treatment outcomes.
- Pharmacists contribute to health promotion and disease prevention including lifestyle counselling and supporting selfcare.
- Pharmacists guarantee and demonstrate quality in their services, using valid indicators.

Background documents:

The foundation for this declaration is the Europharm Forum declaration from 2008 "**Pharmacist improving people's health**", the "**EuroPharm Forum Vision to Practice 2020**" and the draft FIP 2010 document on **Good Pharmacy Practice**.