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9: Artificial intelligence

The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP), representing pharmacists, pharmacy educators and pharmaceutical scientists, welcomes WHO WPRO's growing focus on the responsible use of artificial intelligence to advance health equity and strengthen health systems across the Western Pacific Region.

FIP emphasises that artificial intelligence should strengthen safe, equitable and person-centred care rather than be pursued as an end in itself. Pharmacists, pharmaceutical scientists and pharmacy educators have important roles in ensuring that AI systems affecting medicines and patient care, as well as the education of the health workforce, are appropriately designed, evaluated, implemented and monitored.

This global position is reflected in the FIP Statement of Policy on Digital Health, FIP Development Goal 20 on Digital Health, and the FIP Statement of Policy on Artificial Intelligence in Pharmacy Practice. Together, these frameworks highlight the need for a digitally capable workforce, appropriate governance, interoperability, data protection, equity, transparency and professional accountability.

FIP calls on WHO WPRO and Member States to:

1. Ensure AI systems affecting medicines and patient care are governed by patient safety, equity, privacy, transparency, evidence and professional accountability.
2. Invest in structured AI and digital literacy across the pharmaceutical workforce so professionals can use, critically assess and appropriately supervise AI enabled tools.
3. Involve pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists in the design, validation, implementation and monitoring of AI systems influencing medication related decisions.
4. Embed pharmacy data and services within interoperable digital health ecosystems using appropriate standards, terminologies and classifications.

FIP stands ready with the FIP Western Pacific Pharmaceutical Forum and wider global network, to support WHO WPRO and Member States in translating responsible AI principles into safe, equitable and practical implementation.

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