



Think Health
Think Pharmacy
 Professional Available Trusted

Pharmacists are healthcare professionals^{1,2,3}

The United Nations uses the density of pharmacists as a measure of progress on *Sustainable Development Goal target 3.c*.⁴ We face a shortfall of 10 million healthcare workers by 2030.⁵ Some countries have already introduced changes to expand the role of pharmacists.

“Pharmacists... can play significant roles in increasing people’s access to primary care.”

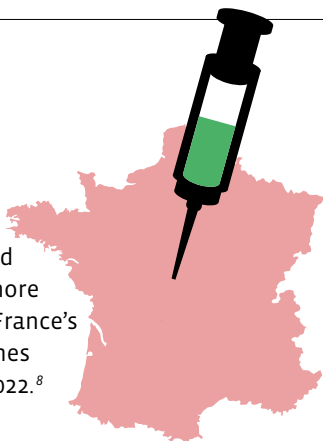
Jadej Thammatacharee
 Secretary General, National Health Security Office, Thailand, on the country’s Universal Coverage Scheme⁶

“Pharmacists are more than capable to deliver (services for common conditions) and divert people away from our emergency departments and GPs.”

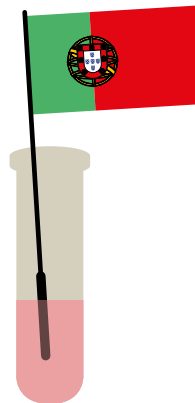
Steven Miles
 Premier of Queensland, Australia⁷

– Impacts –

Pharmacists had administered more than **50%** of France’s COVID-19 vaccines by December 2022.⁸



12.1 million COVID-19 tests were performed in Portuguese pharmacies between November 2020 and April 2022.⁹



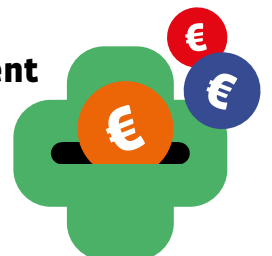
At least **56 countries** now have pharmacy-based vaccination services.¹⁰

90% of people in the USA live within **5 miles** of a community pharmacy.¹¹



In rural areas, the pharmacist may be the **only available healthcare provider**.¹²

Strong economic **evidence supports investment** in extended pharmacist services.¹³



– Services from pharmacists –

EXAMPLES ^{9,14,15}



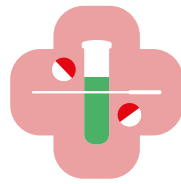
Medicines supply and advice



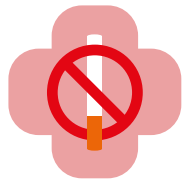
Measuring blood pressure, blood glucose, cholesterol



Prescribing



Test and treat
(e.g., chlamydia, malaria, sore throat)



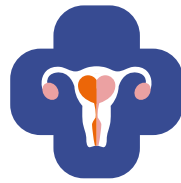
Smoking cessation



Long-term conditions
(e.g., asthma)



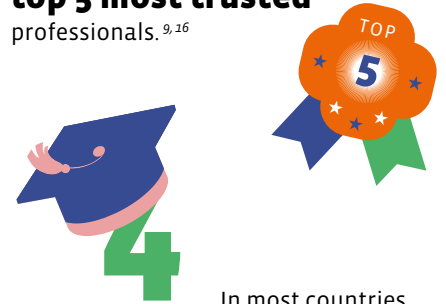
Disease prevention/ health promotion



Reproductive health

– Trusted experts –

For many years, pharmacists have been named among the **top 5 most trusted** professionals. ^{9,16}



In most countries, pharmacists must complete at least **four years of higher education...**

...and at least **six months of practical training.** ¹⁷
Many hold a doctoral degree.

Think Universal Health Coverage,
Think Universal Pharmacy Coverage!



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