

FIP recommendations for pharmacists' effective regulatory preparedness in disaster and emergency settings

Summary of the main recommendations



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How can pharmacists support continuity of care and meeting patients' health needs in accordance with their competencies, regulated at national level?

- Pharmacists may approve prescriptions for refills of chronic medicines or ongoing therapy, and initiate new therapies with medicines listed in a schedule of “emergency access”.
- Pharmacists should be authorised to administer medicines for injection and vaccines, and also order, perform and interpret diagnostic and screening tests.

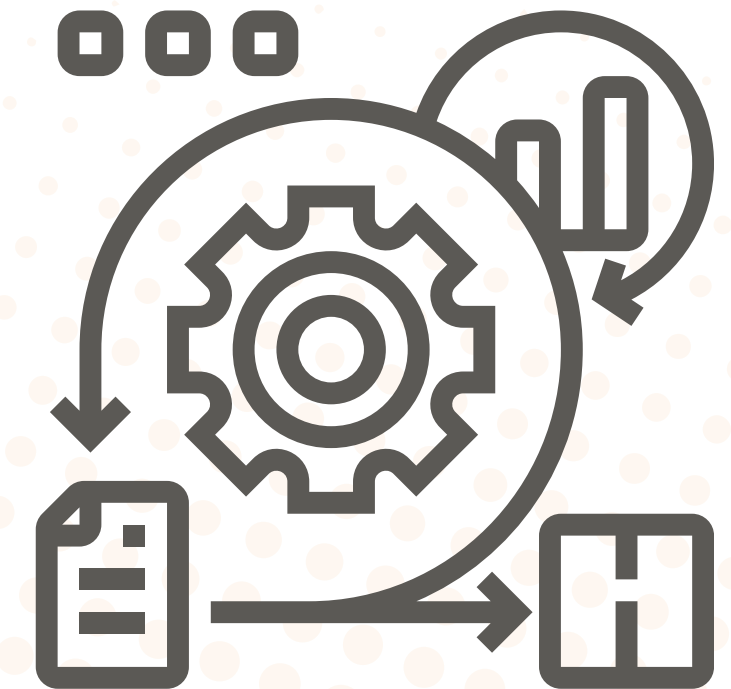




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How can supply chain integrity and management be strengthened at regulatory level?

- Establish policy and procedures to ensure all medicines and medical products are received from a licensed and trusted supplier.
- Create a system of supply chain checks and compliance verification processes to prevent substandard and falsified (SF) medicines and medical products from reaching the patient.



What is needed regarding pharmacy healthcare workforce at regulatory level?

- Create an allocation process for temporary licensure of qualified healthcare professionals to attend emergency pharmaceutical care centres for pharmacists.
- Identify a group of pharmacists with training and experience in emergency and disaster response, who constitute a temporary intervention group.
- Establish or maintain protocols for tele-consultation and distance care services.



What is needed regarding pharmacy healthcare leadership at regulatory level?

- Regulators, pharmacy organisation leaders, managers and pharmacists with authority to create a pharmacy emergency preparedness manual adapted to the national context, with regular reviews and updates.
- Pharmacy representatives at local level to establish emergency communication links with community pharmacies to receive and report information pertinent to the disaster and emergency situation.



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