



Pharmacy and non-communicable diseases (NCDs)

Identifying needs across prevention, screening, management and long-term care



NCDs were responsible for at least 43 million deaths in 2021, mostly from cardiovascular disease, cancer, chronic respiratory disease, and diabetes. Reaching the 2030 target to cut premature NCD mortality by one-third will require stronger prevention, screening, treatment and long-term care.

Pharmacists' critical role

Pharmacists' expertise, accessibility, and regular patient contact position them as key contributors to NCD prevention, early detection, clinical management, and treatment optimisation.

Policy and advocacy

The draft FIP Statement of Policy on the Role of pharmacists in non-communicable diseases sets out recommendations for strengthening pharmacists' contribution to NCD prevention, screening, management, and long-term care.

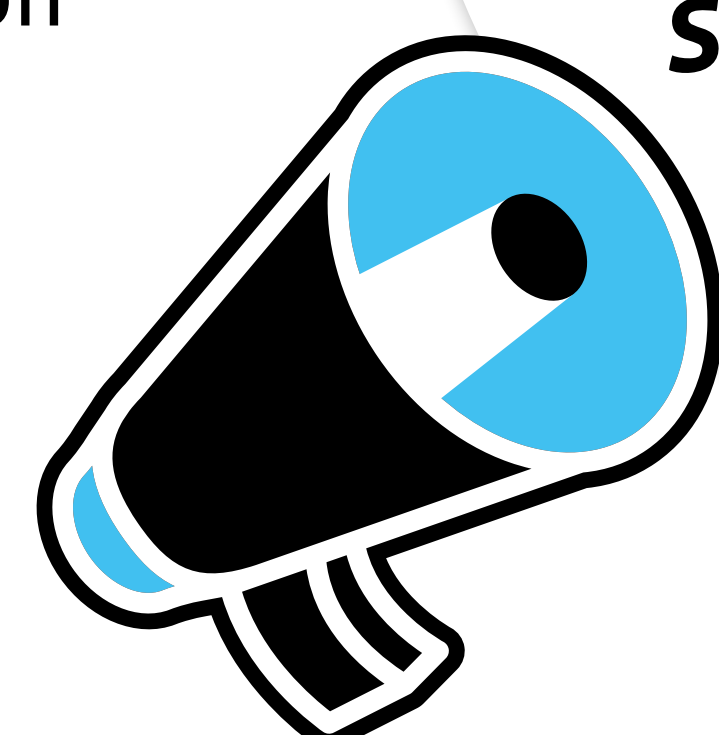
This is aligned with the 2025 UN Political Declaration on NCDs and mental health, through which Member States committed to the SDG target of cutting premature NCD mortality by one-third by 2030, with priorities including tobacco control, hypertension management, and access to mental health care.

FIP Development Goal

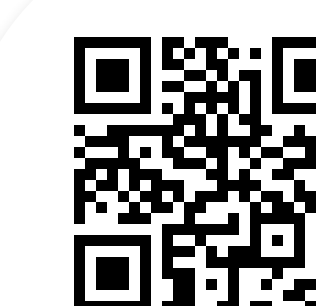


This role reflects *FIP Development Goal 15* on People-centred care, which promotes collaborative professional services that improve patient outcomes and strengthen health systems.

Call to action:
Member Organisations
are invited to access,
implement, and adapt
these resources to
strengthen NCD services
in their countries!



Access to
NCD
microsite



As defined by the WHO, NCDs, also known as chronic diseases, tend to be of long duration and are the result of a combination of genetic, physiological, environmental and behavioural factors¹.

¹ World Health Organization. Noncommunicable diseases: World Health Organization; 2025.
Available at: <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/noncommunicable-diseases>



Key outputs

Supported by FIP NCD toolkits:



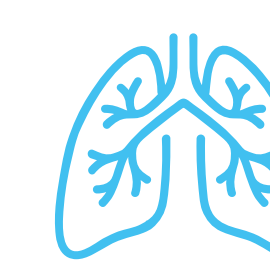
Chronic
disease care



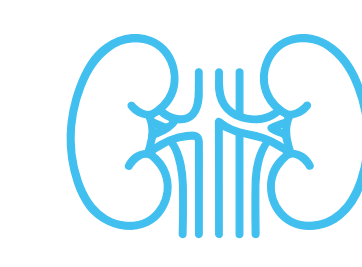
Hypertension
Toolkit
(FIP-Developed
Available in English
and Croatian)



Heart Failure
Toolkit



COPD
Toolkit
(Available in Chinese)

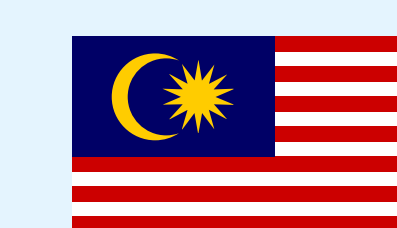


CKD
Toolkit
(Toolkit for
managing Chronic
Kidney Disease)

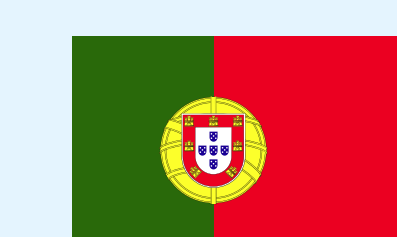
Toolkit components include:

- Educational guides
- Implementation checklists
- Continuing professional development (CPD) bites and infographics
- Assessment tools
- Patient materials
- Referral and communication templates

From toolkit to practice:



The Malaysian Pharmacists' Society (Malaysia) has integrated chronic kidney disease (CKD) and chronic disease services into community pharmacy practice, demonstrating implementation strategies and real-world impact.



The National Association of Pharmacies (Portugal) has actively implemented chronic kidney disease (CKD) and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) services, offering practical lessons and enabling factors for other countries.



CPD bites/videos



Publications



Main NCD areas