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### EVENT BRIEF

## The Roles of Pharmacists in Strengthening National Pharmacovigilance Systems in Asia

**Date:** 24 July 2023 MONDAY

**Time:** 13:00 UTC+5 (1:00 PM Pakistan Time)

**Format/ Platform:** Hybrid Physical (Pakistan) + Webinar (Zoom)

**Organizer:** Federation of Asian Pharmaceutical Associations (FAPA) Hospital and Clinical Pharmacy Section

**Co-Organizer:** Pakistan Pharmacists Association; Federation of Taiwan Pharmacists Associations

**CPD/ CE Units:** None/ Self-applied per country.

**Certificates:** Available for request

**Registration:** Free

**Slots:** 40 (onsite - Pakistan) + 100 (online/ International)

**Streaming/ Recording:** Recording to be made available via YouTube

### Background

Medications and vaccines have transformed disease prevention and treatment. However, they can also cause undesirable and unexpected side effects. Pharmacovigilance is the science and activities relating to the detection, assessment, understanding and prevention of adverse effects or any other drug-related problem. The post-marketing assessment of medicines plays a key role for better defining drugs' safety profile in real-world setting and filling the evidence gap of pre-marketing studies.

Recent health emergencies have highlighted the need for the assessment, detection and prevention of the risks in the use of products for off-label purposes and those with accelerated approvals, but also the need for proper risk communication and support for patients that may be affected by adverse drug reactions. Moreover, pharmacovigilance in Asia has been a constant challenge due to varied geographical, cultural and medical practices in these regions.

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To optimize the quality of care and increase the confidence of patients in pharmaceutical products and services, pharmacists must be equipped with the awareness of the value of pharmacovigilance, their roles in it, and the impact of their actions on the quality of pharmacovigilance systems.

The national pharmacovigilance program in Pakistan has identified pharmacists as focal persons in the pharmacovigilance centers across the country, and this can be seen as a great opportunity for pharmacists to step up in ensuring patient safety. Therefore, the FAPA Hospital and Clinical Pharmacy Section is hosting a hybrid event for Pakistan Pharmacists as well as other Asian pharmacists who are interested to learn more about the importance of pharmacovigilance and the roles of pharmacists in various pharmacovigilance activities.

### Objectives

This event aims to promote the strengthening of pharmacovigilance in Asian countries by:

1. Discussing the developments in the national pharmacovigilance program in Pakistan
2. Discussing the different pharmacovigilance activities where pharmacists can contribute and the expected competencies of pharmacists to fulfill their roles
3. Sharing the history of the development and current best practices in the pharmacovigilance system in Taiwan
4. Providing insights on the future of pharmacovigilance with the latest trends in big data applications.

### Target Participants

Pharmacy professionals in the community, hospital, industry, academic or research setting interested in learning about pharmacovigilance, risk communication, patient safety and pharmaceutical systems strengthening.



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### EVENT PROGRAM

#### The Roles of Pharmacists in Strengthening National Pharmacovigilance Systems in Asia

24 July 2023 Monday

1:00 PM UTC+5 Pakistan Time

Time (GMT+5)	Topic	Speaker
1:00 – 1:20 PM	Opening Remarks and Welcome Messages (recorded)	Dr. Faraz Ashraf <i>FAPA Hospital and Clinical Pharmacy Section Chairperson</i>
1:20 – 1:25 PM	Program Overview and Introduction of Speakers	Christine Ching Benosa <i>FAPA Secretary General</i>
1:25 – 1:55 PM	LECTURE 1: The National Pharmacovigilance Program in Pakistan and the Role of Pharmacists	Muhammad Sohail, <i>Director General Drug Controller Pakistan</i>
1:55 - 2:25 PM	LECTURE 2: Pharmacovigilance system model in Taiwan and the future of pharmacovigilance	Dr. Wen-Wen Chen <i>Chief Executive Director, Taiwan Drug Relief Foundation</i>
2:25 – 2:45 PM	OPEN FORUM: Strengthening Pharmacovigilance Systems in Asia	
2:45 – 2:55 PM	Synthesis and Closing Remarks	Dr. Yuh-Lih Chang <i>FAPA President-Elect</i>
2:55 - 3:00 PM	Group Photo	

#### Moderators

Dr. Faraz Ashraf and Ms. Christine Ching Benosa