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International Forum on

Primary Health Care:

Advancing Pharmacy's Role in Primary Care – A Global Leadership Dialogue

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Program

12:00–1:00 pm

Registration & Lunch

1:00–1:15 pm

Opening Remarks

SPEAKERS

Paul Sinclair
President, International Pharmaceutical Federation

Deb Saltmarche
Chair, Canadian Pharmacists Association

Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner
President, American Pharmacists Association

1:15–2:25 pm

Advancing Pharmacy Integration in Primary Health Care: Global Approaches and Outcomes

Around the world, pharmacists are playing an expanding role in primary health care, yet the pace and scale of integration vary widely across countries. This panel will explore different ways in which pharmacists are embedded in primary health care globally, examine how these models are integrated into health systems, how services are funded, and their impact on patient access, quality of care, and health system performance.

MODERATOR

John Pieper
Vice President, International Pharmaceutical Federation

PANELLISTS

Claire Anderson
Professor of Social Pharmacy, School of Pharmacy University of Nottingham

Allison Bodnar
CEO, Pharmacy Association of Nova Scotia

Fei Sim
Associate Professor in Pharmacy and Dean International, Curtin University

Heidi Liston
CEO, New Brunswick Pharmacists' Association

2:25– 2:40 pm

Break

2:40–3:35 pm

Ensuring Pharmacist Workforce Readiness for Expanded Primary Health Care Roles

As pharmacist authorization expands across jurisdictions, an essential question remains: are we truly ready to practice to our full scope? This panel will explore workforce readiness, education and training gaps, confidence versus competence, and system supports needed to ensure pharmacists can safely and effectively deliver services in primary health care settings.

MODERATOR

Don Mager
Vice President, International Pharmaceutical Federation

PANELLISTS

Lisa Dolovich
Professor and Dean, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto

Dr. Catherine Duggan
CEO, International Pharmaceutical Federation

Monica Nikseresht
Clinical Director/Manager, Medicap Pharmacy and Owner, CurateRx LLC

3:35–4:35 pm

Policy and System Enablers for Advancing Pharmacist Integration

This panel will examine the policy and advocacy levers shaping pharmacists' authority to deliver primary health care services across different countries and jurisdictions. Panellists will share experiences navigating regulatory frameworks, payment and reimbursement models, and interprofessional dynamics, highlighting both successes and ongoing barriers. The discussion will focus on how coordinated leadership, evidence generation, and advocacy can accelerate pharmacist integration into primary health care and shape the future of health systems globally.

MODERATOR

Jen Adams
Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Programs, College of Pharmacy, Idaho State University

PANELLISTS

Kevin Host
Senior Vice President Walmart Health and Wellness Pharmacy

Susan O'Dwyer
Head of Governance and Pharmacy Services Irish Pharmacy Union

Brad Willsey
Registrar & CEO Alberta College of Pharmacy

4:35–5:00 pm

Closing Remarks & Next Steps

SPEAKERS

Catherine Duggan
CEO, International Pharmaceutical Federation

Glen Doucet
CEO, Canadian Pharmacists Association

Michael Hogue
Executive Vice President and CEO, American Pharmacists Association

5:00–6:30 pm

Reception

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