



Post-pandemic period in N. Macedonia: an opportunity to expand the role of pharmacist

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Introduction

One lesson coming from the COVID-19 pandemic is that health systems have a central role in addressing the crisis. To maintain health security for all, integrated, quality, and people-centered primary health care remains crucial to the national response during health emergencies.

The coronavirus pandemic has highlighted the urgent need to strengthen the health care services in our country.

Transforming the Health Care System in N. Macedonia



Providing more resilient and equitable access to health care services, including pharmaceutical services



Acknowledgment of the irreplaceability of pharmaceutical care services, in order to build a quality health care system



Rational use of medicines as one of the most significant responsibilities of a pharmacist



Development of the concept of Pharmaceutical care



Implementation of pharmaceutical care services in N. Macedonia



Reorientation of the health care services – implementation of contracted pharmaceutical care services



Reforming the health care system with a new regulatory framework that will emphasize pharmaceutical care services as well as all other health services



Conclusion

In order to achieve resilience for the next health emergency, investing in public health should be a priority of the government in N. Macedonia. Hence, national health authorities should develop strategic interventions to reform the health care system with a new regulatory framework.

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