STATE EXPERT CENTER HOLDS "PHARMA@FOCUS ON THE PATIENT" PHARMACEUTICAL FORUM

The State Expert Center of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine organized a forum on April 26 to discuss various pharmaceutical topics and areas of concern to local stakeholders. The event drew more than 160 participants from the Ministry of Health (MOH), the State Service of Medicines and Drug Control of Ukraine, drug manufacturers, scientific community experts, professional associations, and international partners, including USAID. The day-long forum covered issues such as registration/re-registration of medicines, pharmacovigilance, and health technologies assessment (HTA).

SAFEMed’s Principal Technical Advisor Dr. Rabia Sucu delivered a virtual presentation titled "What do we need to bring HTA in Ukraine to a new level?". She emphasized the importance of strengthening the regulatory framework for HTA development, deepening cooperation with stakeholders, and enhancing the role of the HTA in the overall health care decision-making ecosystem.

SAFEMED CONTINUES TO HELP EXPAND MPU’S CAPABILITIES

Since its establishment in 2018, the Medical Procurement of Ukraine (MPU) has gradually evolved to become a premier national health procurement organization. Gaining valuable expertise in category management and supplier management, the state agency is now financially independent and capable of performing centralized procurements of all commodities on behalf of the MOH. A next step in the agency’s development toward a full-cycle supply chain organization is the ongoing work to merge with Ukrmedpostach, another MOH state agency that specializes in logistics with assets and permits for storage and distribution of health commodities. In anticipation of the soon-to-be finalized
SAFEMED PARTICIPATES IN THE WHO’S “POLICY DIALOGUE – CENTRAL ASIAN REPUBLICS” IN KAZAKHSTAN

World Health Organization/Europe, Division of Country Health Policies and Systems (CPS), and the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies organized a policy dialogue on access to medicine for Central Asian Republics in Almaty, Kazakhstan on April 18-19, 2023. Representatives from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, and Tajikistan shared their experiences while external experts offered reflections on practices in other settings. SAFEMed’s Principal Technical Advisor Dr. Rabia Sucu was invited to present and illustrated how Ukraine’s experience in HTA and the Affordable Medicines Program serves as a good example of expanding access to effective medicines.

SAFEMED DEVELOPS ANIMATED VIDEOS TO PROMOTE THE EHEALTH SYSTEM

As part of MOH’s media campaign to promote the new ePrescription program, SAFEMed supported a series of animation videos development on the benefits of using and instructions for connecting to the national electronic healthcare (eHealth) system. Every day more and more health care facilities and doctors-entrepreneurs are joining it. This is a single digital space where all information about the patient’s health is contained and services such as e-declarations, e-prescriptions and referrals, medical reports, and other tools are available.

Watch the videos:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=srWg0nLcmNI
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZvB17UFH3f4
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvkMqx5AexM&t=6s
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kD8LNCLMsXs&t=2s

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