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EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE: INFORMATION FOR THE PHARMACY WORKFORCE

Pharmacies are often the first point of contact with the health system for patients and people with health-related concerns. Given the current outbreak of Ebola virus disease (EVD) in some West African countries and the possibility of it spreading to other parts of the world, it is important that the whole pharmacy workforce is well informed about the disease.

FIP believes that pharmacists can provide a crucial public health service by preventing the spread of EVD through:

- Informing, advising and educating the community
- Promoting disease prevention and infection control
- Screening any suspected cases and referring them in a timely and safe manner to appropriate healthcare facilities and health authorities

Being prepared is key.

In light of the above, FIP established a task force to produce a set of materials with essential information for pharmacists and the pharmacy workforce. The content can be freely used and adapted for national use and to inform communities. A vast amount of information on EVD is readily available. The work of the task force was to survey this information and compile the most relevant for pharmacies in a primary care context.

The materials include:

- [EVD: Information and Guidelines for Pharmacists and the Pharmacy Workforce](#)
- [Quick guidance/poster: EVD – What can pharmacists do about it?](#)
- [Quick guidance/poster: EVD – Disease transmission and control](#)
- [Quick guidance/poster: EVD – Patient screening and referral](#)
- [Quick guidance/poster: EVD – Infection control](#)
- [PowerPoint presentation of the guidelines: EVD – What can pharmacists do about it?](#)

All these resources are now available on a dedicated webpage www.fip.org/ebola.

The “Information and guidelines” document includes suggestions for pharmacy activities and a list of reliable sources of additional information.

FIP will endeavour to make these materials available in different

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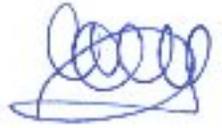
languages. Any assistance your organisation can offer in translating these materials to other languages is much appreciated. And if you have further resources or activities on Ebola to share, please send them to us.

Comments, requests, questions, translations and other information may be sent to the FIP task force on EVD via gspinto@fip.org.

Thank you in advance for forwarding these materials to colleagues in your country and disseminating this message more widely.

Ebola can be stopped through the active engagement of decision-makers, healthcare professionals, the media and the community. We look forward to your collaboration on this global initiative.

With kind regards,



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