

# Think Health Think Pharmacy

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## Pharmacists are healthcare professionals<sup>1,2,3</sup>

The United Nations uses the density of pharmacists as a measure of progress on *Sustainable Development Goal target 3.c*.<sup>4</sup> We face a shortfall of 10 million healthcare workers by 2030.<sup>5</sup> Some countries have already introduced changes to expand the role of pharmacists.

*“Pharmacists... can play significant roles in increasing people’s access to primary care.”*

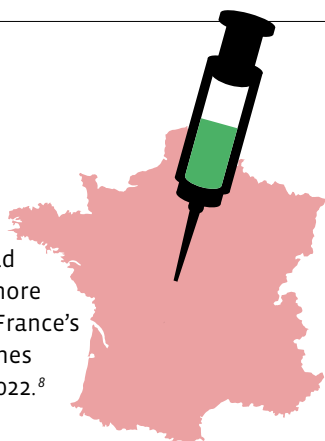
**Jadej Thammatacharee**  
Secretary General, National Health Security Office,  
Thailand, on the country’s Universal Coverage Scheme<sup>6</sup>

*“Pharmacists are more than capable to deliver (services for common conditions) and divert people away from our emergency departments and GPs.”*

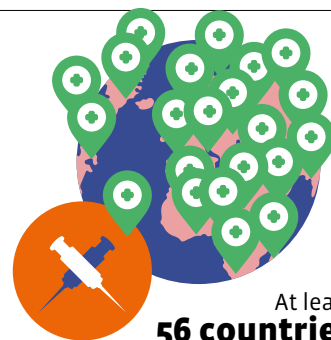
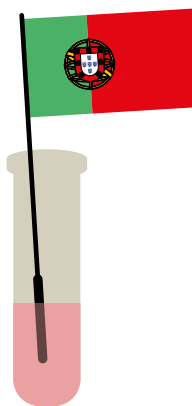
**Steven Miles**  
Premier of Queensland, Australia<sup>7</sup>

### – Impacts –

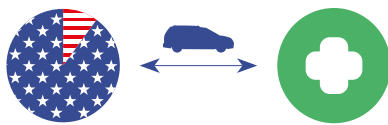
Pharmacists had administered more than **50%** of France’s COVID-19 vaccines by December 2022.<sup>8</sup>



**12.1 million** COVID-19 tests were performed in Portuguese pharmacies between November 2020 and April 2022.<sup>9</sup>



At least **56 countries** now have pharmacy-based vaccination services.<sup>10</sup>



90% of people in the USA live within **5 miles** of a community pharmacy.<sup>11</sup>



In rural areas, the pharmacist may be the **only available healthcare provider**.<sup>12</sup>

Strong economic **evidence supports investment** in extended pharmacist services.<sup>13</sup>



## – Services from pharmacists –

EXAMPLES <sup>9,14,15</sup>



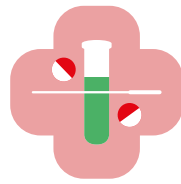
**Medicines supply and advice**



**Measuring blood pressure, blood glucose, cholesterol**



**Prescribing**



**Test and treat**  
(e.g., chlamydia, malaria, sore throat)



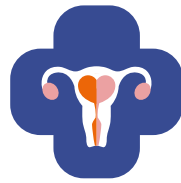
**Smoking cessation**



**Long-term conditions**  
(e.g., asthma)



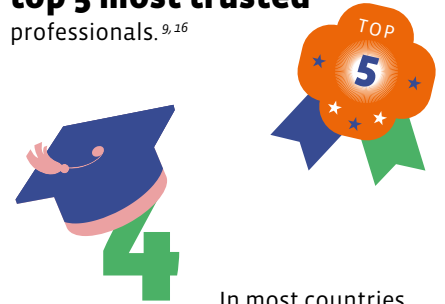
**Disease prevention/ health promotion**



**Reproductive health**

## – Trusted experts –

For many years, pharmacists have been named among the **top 5 most trusted** professionals.<sup>9,16</sup>



In most countries, pharmacists must complete at least **four years of higher education...**

...and at least **six months of practical training.**<sup>17</sup>  
Many hold a doctoral degree.

Think Universal Health Coverage,  
**Think Universal Pharmacy Coverage!**



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