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Biography

Wimon Suwankesawong is a pharmacist in training. She had working experience at the Thai Food and Drug Administration (the Thai FDA) since 1989 and had spent more than 20 years in Pharmacovigilance (PV) and Risk Management. She served as Head of the Health Product Vigilance Centre of the Thai FDA, National PV Center, from 2002 to 2016. Ms Suwankesawong was promoted to Director of Technical and Planning Division and was responsible for overseeing the vigilance system during 2017-2019. She had successfully developed the Thai Automatic Signal Detection tool for screening potential signals from the Thai Vigibase system in 2006 and also established an Adverse Event online reporting system to facilitate ICSRs collection in 2008. During 2019-2022, she served as a specialist in Pharmacovigilance, Risk management, and Signal Detection for Graduate School, Mahidol University, Thailand.

Ms Suwankesawong is now an advisor on health product vigilance for the Thai FDA, a member of the Pharmacovigilance (Drug safety) advisory committee, and the Signal Detection and Signal Assessment Working Group of Thailand. She regularly makes an educational mission on pharmacovigilance and risk management aspect and is involved in many activities, studies, and publications related to this aspect, e.g., the Pharmacovigilance activities in ASEAN countries, Characterization of hypersensitivity reactions reported among *Andrographis paniculata* users in Thailand using Health Product Vigilance Center Database. The reports on Pharmacovigilance System for Traditional Medicine in Thailand and Pharmacovigilance and Traditional and Complementary Medicine in South-East Asia: A Situation Review were conducted for WHO SEARO respectively. Ms Suwankesawong joined the WHO International Working Group for Drug Statistics Methodology in 2017. In 2025, she joined the working group WG 3 Vigilance under the WHO South-East Asia Regulatory Network (SEARN) as an external expert.