

Adi Mester

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Biography

Since 2023 Adi Mester has held the position of nation-wide coordinator in the National List of Health Services Assessment Division, in the Ministry of Health of Israel. As part of her job she performs the health technology assessment (HTA) of medical technologies (pharmaceuticals and non-pharmaceuticals) to be included in the national list of health services, with a view to establishing the national policy for safe and effective use of medical technologies and ensuring optimal healthcare within public funding.

Adi's training as a pharmacist includes several degrees received from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel, starting with a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Pharmacy, and culminating with a Doctor of Pharmacy she completed in 2016. She also obtained management skills while completing a Master's degree in Health Administration (MHA) from the Tel-Aviv University, Israel.

In 2018 Adi joined the World Health Organization as a technical officer in the International Nonproprietary Names Programme (INN). During her five years at WHO, Adi gained experience in the different aspects of nomenclature, from the evaluation of substances for pharmacological use to their protection from appropriation as trademarks. In her personal capacity, she served as a member of the WHO Guideline Review Committee, ensuring that WHO guidelines are of a high methodological quality, and are developed through a transparent, evidence-based decision-making process.

Previously, Adi worked as a clinical pharmacist for The Cystic Fibrosis Association in Israel, supplying pharmacological counseling and training for patients and medical staff in two of the country's leading pediatric lung centers. She also worked as a chief pharmacist and pharmacy manager of one of the branches of Super-Pharm, Israel's largest pharmacy chain, which provided her with essential

experience in commercial, financial, human resources and regulatory aspects, and required coordination with various healthcare providers.

Adi joined the WHO Committee on International Nonproprietary Names in 2023.