

What can be done to improve safe access to medical morphine? Lessons from countries

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September is Pain Awareness Month!

In June 2023, WHO published a report *Left behind in pain* [\[link\]](#), which describes the extent and causes of global variations in access to morphine for medical use. In this webinar, leading experts will reflect on their endeavours to transform clinical services and policy landscape to ensure safe access to morphine and other strong opioids. These include how to overcome cultural barriers in China, service barriers across islands in the Philippines, local production of oral liquid morphine in East Africa, safeguarding access during economic crisis in Lebanon, and recalibrate policy in Australia to ensure safe access. The expert panel will exchange their views on ways for overcoming the long-standing challenges in bringing safe access to people in need globally.

Expert panel

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