

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

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In June 2023, WHO published a report *Left behind in pain* [\[link\]](#), describing 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 the decades long work in India for opioid access, advocacy and leadership in Latin America, policies in Germany, access abyss globally, the North American opioid crisis, and human-rights centric policy. 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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