



UNDERSTANDING INTERNATIONAL AND POOLED PROCUREMENT IMPACT ON PATIENTS AND HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

IMPORTATION OF MEDICINES THAT DO NOT COMPLY WITH LOCAL REGULATORY STANDARDS FROM SUPPLIERS WITHOUT AN IN-COUNTRY PRESENCE RAISE SERIOUS CONCERNS FOR PATIENTS AND HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS.



Benefits of procuring medicines from in-country manufacturers or their legal representations

- a Compliance with local regulatory standards
- b Accountable for product quality and safety
- c Fulfillment of local packaging rules and display of clear information in local language
- d Reporting of adverse events and enforcer of the pharmacovigilance process
- e Holding sufficient stock of product
- f Efficient and integral supply chain for distribution



Risks of international and pooled procurement

- a Treatments may be switched without healthcare professionals and patients' input
- b Supply integrity and consistency may not be guaranteed
- c Lack of product safety and quality accountability



Rare circumstances that may justify international and pooled procurement



No legally in-country established supplier.



Major shortage or quality issue.



Pandemic or epidemic, where benefits of regional speed and coordination surpasses local purchasing.



Procurement of some vaccines that may require very complex supply chains.