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# WHO-convened Guideline Development Group on Country Pharmaceutical Pricing Policies

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# **Biography**

Lisa Bero is Professor and Chair of the Medicines Use and Health Outcomes at the School of Pharmacy and Charles Perkins Centre, University of Sydney. She is a researcher in evidence-based health care who is internationally renowned for her studies on the integrity of clinical and basic research evidence that is used to influence health policy. She directs the multidisciplinary Evidence, Policy and Influence Collaborative at the Charles Perkins Centre. This group consists of 3 research "nodes": 1) Bias, 2) Evidence Synthesis and 3) Pharmaceutical Policy. The work explores what constitutes evidence and how to reduce bias in the evidence base. Specific areas of interest are in the design, conduct and reporting of research and how to communicate research findings in a clear and convincing way to a variety of stakeholders. She is also Senior Editor, Cochrane Public Health and Health Systems Network. Professor Bero has served on national and international committees related to conflicts of interest, evidence and decisions.

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#### **Biography**

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# **Biography**

Amadou Moctar Dièye was the Chief Pharmacist of the Ministère de la Santé et de l'Action sociale in Senegal, from September 2013 to June 2019, and is now the Director of Laboratories of the same Ministry and a Professor of Pharmacology at the Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar. His areas of expertise include the promotion of the use of generic medicines, clinical trials, pharmacovigilance, analysis of Marketing Authorization Application dossiers for human and veterinary medicines, and anti-doping policies.

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## **Biography**

Andrew Hill graduated from Oxford University, and then worked on HIV at St Mary's Hospital in London. He has a PhD from the University of Amsterdam. He is a Senior Visiting Research Fellow at Liverpool University in the UK, specializing in treatment access issues. His research team works on the costs of production of drugs to treat HIV, viral hepatitis, TB and cancer. He also works as an advisor to the World Health Organization, UNITAID and the Clinton Foundation.

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### **Biography**

Tanya Potashnik is the Director of Policy and Economic Analysis for a pricing regulatory authority in Canada, the Patented Medicines Prices Review Board. She has over 25 years of experience in the area of pharmaceutical pricing, regulation, reimbursement, formulary management and market dynamics in Canada, the US and Europe. A career public servant, Tanya has dedicated her professional life to improving access and affordability for patients in Canada and driving change through evidence based decision-making. Tanya played a key role in the early adoption of HTA in Canada and in leading the recent regulatory changes aimed at lowering drug costs and supporting the sustainability of Canada's publicly funded health care system.

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## **Biography**

Shadi Saleh is the Founding Director of Global Health Institute and Professor of Health System and Financing at the American University of Beirut, where he is also Associate Vice President for Health Affairs. His areas of expertise are in evidence-based decision-making, economic evaluation and modeling, and healthcare financing policy. He has a

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#### Biography

Sakthivel Selvaraj currently holds the position of Director and Professor, Health Economics, Financing and Policy, at the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), New Delhi. He is currently engaged in research, teaching and advocacy in the area of health systems, and in specific, health care financing and access to medicines. He contributed significantly to the development of HLEG (High Level Expert Group) report on UHC. Similarly, he contributed immensely to the development of State Health Policy of Uttar Pradesh. Earlier, he was engaged as a Health Economist in the National Commission on Macroeconomics and Health, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi during 2004-05. His recent work underpining access to medicines include financing of pharmacetucials, procurement and supply chain of medicines, price regulation, pharmaceutical patents and economics of rational use of medicines.

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#### **Biography**

Netnapis Suchonwanich is Advisor to Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Program (HITAP), Ministry of Public Health, Thailand. She was formerly Deputy Secretary-General of National Health Security Office in Thailand. She played a key role in Universal Coverage Scheme development since the beginning of UHC implementation in 2002. She has developed many health insurance information systems which cover the core business applications such as Beneficiaries enrollment system, Birth registry and neonatal defect, provider registration, financial and accounting system, electronic claim system with automatic financial tracking process. She has been nominated as

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#### **Biography**

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#### **Biography**

Sabine Vogler, Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Policies, is Head of the Pharmacoeconomics Department of Austrian Public Health Institute. She is a senior health economist with in-depth knowledge on countries in the WHO European region and beyond with regard to pharmaceutical pricing / prices, reimbursement and distribution, as well as cost-containment reforms, access and affordability issues. Sabine Vogler coordinated several research projects at national and European levels, including the PPRI (Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Information) and the PHIS (Pharmaceutical Health Information System) projects. She is a member of the Editorial Boards of *Pharmacoeconomics* and *Generics and Biosimilars Initiative Journal*. She is also on the International Advisory Board of the *Pharmaceutical Policy and Practice (JOPPP) Journal*, as well as the Associate Editor for JOPPP journal, *Cost Effectiveness and Research Allocation* and of *BMC Health System Research*. Furthermore, she is a board member of the European Drug Utilisation Research Group (EuroDURG) and of the Austrian Health Economics Association (ATHEA). In 2017, she was Visiting Fellow at the Department of Economics at the University of Bologna in Italy. In 2019, she was presented, together with Margaret Ewen of Health Action International, with the Helen-Clark-JOPPP Award for Pharmaceutical Policy and Practice Research.

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### **Biography**

Jo Watson is the Deputy Chair of the Australian Government Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee. She is also the Chair of the Health Technology Assessment Consumer Consultative Committee, Deputy Chair of the Consumers Health Forum Australia, and a long standing consumer nominee and community advocate.

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**Biography** 

Rasha Ziada is Chairperson of the Central Administration of Pharmaceutical Affairs (CAPA) at the Egyptian Government Ministry of Health and Population, which is the main part of the National Regulatory Agency of Egypt. She is also the heads of three technical committees at the Ministry of Health: Pricing Committee, Technical Committee for drug registration, and Committee for Pharmacoeconomics. She was the Department Head of pharmaceutical policy and planning in CAPA with in-depth knowledge on pricing, heath and pharmaceutical policy, and pharmaceutical regulation in Egypt, Arab countries, and across the Middle East with regard to pharmacoeconomics, health economics, reimbursement as well as all issues relating to pharmaceutical regulations. Rasha Ziada is responsible for the coordination of several pharmaceutical regulatory reform projects at the national level in Egypt and regional level in Africa.