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Access to vital and innovative medicines

Addressing challenges of intellectual property rights

Provision of access to affordable innovative and vital medicines is a future key challenge to the sustainability of health and welfare systems. However, there is increasing debate highlighting a mismatch between the market-driven model of pharmaceutical innovation versus the affordability, quality and access to the final product. This session will consider whether the current intellectual property system is suitable for drug development and if and how we can amend and enforce rules and regulations to enhance transparency and better balance the power relations between the pharmaceutical industry and public healthcare systems.

Keynote presentation: Historical overview and reflection on the key challenges

ELLEN 'T HOEN

Expert on Medicines Law & Policy

Panel discussion

The discussion will address the key challenges concerning intellectual property rights rules for access to medicines. Do patents increase innovation and productivity? Is a long-term patent justified? How can we make changes to IP rights protection without impeding our ability to foster innovation?

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