



MINUTES
EAP SPRING MEETING MINUTE
HYBRID, VALLETTA, MALTA | May 13, 2022

MEDICINES FOR CHILDREN
Chair: Mark Turner

1. Introductions

Please see the list of attendees attached

2. Pressing issues

Dr. Mamenko summarised the difficulties faced by colleagues in Ukraine.

3. Feedback from EAP Executive Council

Following the last meeting of the SAG, the EC reviewed the burning issues identified by the SAG.

The EC decided to prioritise communication about off-label medicines to support prescribers, particularly for young doctors.

It may also be appropriate to contribute to the ongoing process for EU pharmaceutical legislation.

4. Communication about off-label medicines

The group agreed to identify existing resources to communicate off-label medicines

Action Point: all members of EAP to send existing resources that support communication about off-label medicines to MT and LL by the end of June 2022.

When the existing resources are available, members of the SAG will review them and decide what to do next – this could include dissemination of high quality resources or developing new resources.

5. Medicines Shortages

The European Medicines Agency is conducting a consultation about how to address shortages of medicines.

The group made the following suggestions:


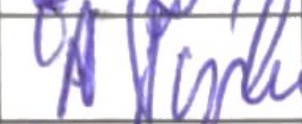
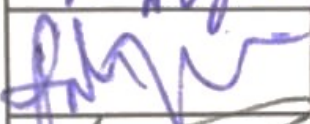



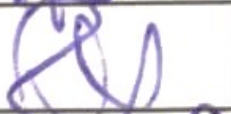

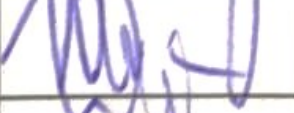
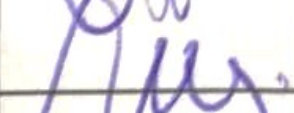
1. Medicines shortages affect all countries even in the absence of disasters such as war and pandemic. Examples are antibiotics for UTI, insulin, and growth hormone
2. Pharma companies should have a responsibility to keep medicines on the market.
 - a. There should be a requirement to stockpile medicines, e.g. for a year, to account for manufacturing difficulties and other disruptions.
3. Shortages can affect acute and chronic illnesses

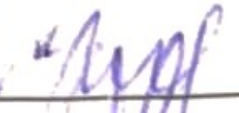
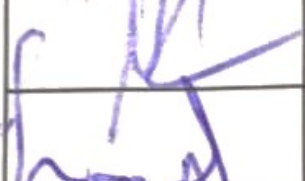




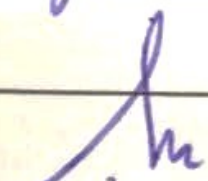
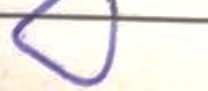

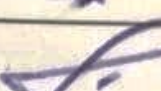
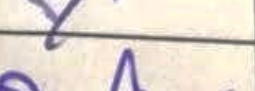

- a. Product substitutions can be very disruptive for children who get used to a particular product
- 4. Shortages arose during the pandemic when medicines were diverted towards treatment of sick adults.
 - a. Pandemics can be predicted so that pandemic preparedness should account for maintaining supplies of children's medicines
- 5. There should be consequences for companies if medicines are not available.
 - a. Financial penalties could be imposed
 - b. Companies that allow shortages should be "named and shamed".

Attendance (virtual & In Person)

Virtual attendees:

First Name	Last Name	Country/Region Name
Zachi	Grossman	Israel
Laura	Reali	Italy
SULEYMAN	YILDIZ	Turkey
Alina	Zaretska	Ukraine
Leena	Patel	United Kingdom
Berthold	Koletzko	Germany
Rob	Ross Russell	United Kingdom
Marina	Mamenko	Ukraine
Risto	Lapatto	Finland
Maria	Gutu	Romania
Łukasz	Dembiński	Poland
Artur	Mazur	Poland
Juan Jose	Diaz	Spain
Carmen	Pavelescu	Romania
Ann	De Guchtenaere	Belgium
joe	brierley	United Kingdom
Ghofran	Chtioui	Tunisia
Mark	Buttigieg	Malta
Martin J	White	Ireland
Lars	Gelander	United States
Mark	Turner	United Kingdom
José	Fontoura Matias	Portugal
Stefano	DEL TORSO	Italy
Wilhelm	Kaulfersch	Austria
Luis	Sanche	Spain
Pierre-André	Michaud	Switzerland
André	Graca	Portugal
Ivanna	Romankevych	Ukraine
Francis	RUBEL	France
Ruud	Nijman	United Kingdom
Zachi	Grossman	Israel
Veronika	Jilichova Nova	Czech Republic
Benjamin	Darmanin	Malta
Lina	Jan	Lithuania
João Marcos	Brandet	Brazil
Mateja	Vintar Spreitzer	Slovenia
Miguel	Martins	Portugal
Ivan	Bambir	Croatia

Signature	First Name2	Last Name	Country
	Austeja	Stankute-Kolosova	Lithuania
	Ketil	Størdal	Norway
	Natasa	Toplak	Slovenia
	Paul	Torpiano	Malta
	Yiannis	Trimithiotis	Cyprus
	Arunas	Valiulis	Lithuania
	Mateja	Vintar Spreitzer	Slovenia
	Anna	Wollschläger	Austria
	Corinne	Wyder	Switzerland/Ukraine
	Irina	Yurkina	Switzerland/Ukraine
	Jernej	Završnik	Slovenia

Signature	First Name2	Last Name	Country	R
✓	Ivan	Jakopčić	Croatia	
✓	Lina	Jankauskaite	Lithuania	
	Veronika	Jilichova Nova	Czech Republic	
	Nora	Karara	UK	
	Wilhelm	Kaulfersch	Austria	
	Berthold	Koletzko	Germany	
	Risto	Lapatto	Finland	
✓	Lorraine	Logasi	SA	
✓	Miguel	Martins	Portugal	
	José Fontoura	Matias	Portugal	
	Artur	Mazur	Poland	
	Nika	Morgan	Slovenia	
	Aida	Mujkić	Croatia	
	Rob	Ross Russell	UK	
	Patrick	Sammut	Malta	
	Copley ?	Sian	UK	

Signature	First Name2	Last Name	Country	Ra
	Jorge	Amil Dias	Portugal	
	Ivan	Bambir	Croatia	
	Mark	Buttigieg	Malta	
	Liviana	da Dalt	Italy	
	Ann	De Guchtenaere	Belgium	
	Stefano	del Torso	Italy	
	Łukasz	Dembiński	Poland	
	Hans Juergen	Dornbusch	Austria	
	Valentina Agnese	Ferraro	Italy	
	Karin	Geitmann	Germany	
	Lars	Gelandar	Sweden	
	Andre	Graca	Portugal	
	Adamos	Hadjipanayis	Cyprus	
	Peter	Hoyer	Germany	
	Károly	Illy	Netherlands	