



GLOBAL HEALTH CENTRE RESEARCH PROJECT

KNOWLEDGE PORTAL ON INNOVATION AND ACCESS TO MEDICINES

Ensuring globally equitable innovation and access to medicines is a major challenge, and is now recognised as a problem across high-, middle- and low-income countries. High prices of effective new medicines can restrict patient access and threaten the sustainability of health systems. At the same time, many health technologies urgently needed to address public health needs have not been developed or offer limited benefit over the status quo. There is growing interest in new approaches to the research & development (R&D) of health technologies that could deliver both innovation and access to medicines. Research, evidence and analysis are important for informing policymakers, analysts, advocates and the public about measures to address innovation and access challenges. However, such information is not always available, may not be easy to digest, nor readily translated into evidence-based policy. Significant gaps in the knowledge base still persist.

The **Knowledge Portal on Innovation and Access to Medicines** provides open-access information, research and analysis on policies relating to pharmaceutical innovation and access. It is a one-stop source offering a number of resources on several topics under three interrelated themes: Pricing, Intellectual Property and Innovation. The website aims to make existing knowledge more available and accessible to communities of policy & practice as a tool to achieve needs-driven innovation and globally-equitable access to medicines.

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Resources include

- **Research syntheses**, providing concise, comprehensive overviews of the current state of academic research on a specific topic
- **Data sources**, gathering relevant data sources related to medicines prices, intellectual property and innovation
- **Research gaps**, listing gaps in the knowledge base, which may be of use to researchers, students, research funders and others who can help to fill the gaps
- **Webinars**, a public series presented by leading medicines policy researchers to make recent, policy-relevant research more accessible to a global public audience and facilitate two-way flows of knowledge between the research and policy & practice communities.
- **COVID-19**, including dedicated resources mapping R&D funding, manufacturing arrangements, purchases and donations of vaccines. In addition, a data sources page gathering relevant information sources on research and development, intellectual property and pricing related to COVID-19.

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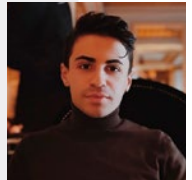
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About the Global Health Centre

The Global Health Centre (GHC) hosted at the Geneva Graduate Institute focuses on research and analysis, strategic convening, and education. With the global health domain currently at a crossroads, facing both acute and chronic challenges, the GHC aims to open global health to diverse voices, knowledge and ideas, and engage critically with issues of governance, politics and power. Since 2008, the centre has strengthened Geneva's role as a capital of global health, and offered a unique meeting place for policy dialogue.