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Objectives of the Workshop

- **Overall Aim:** To discuss and document country-specific initiatives for improving access to and use of generic medicines, from which a set of future action plans and recommendations can be made for Qatar

- **Specific Objectives:**
  - To position Generic Medicines Policy as an integral part of National Medicine Policies
  - To identify the key barriers to implementation of Generic Medicines Policies in Qatar
  - To propose novel solutions that address the barriers and build on existing strengths
  - To suggest how we can monitor progress in implementation of a National Generic Medicines Policy
Scope of the Workshop

• The workshop will focus on the following four main areas of Generic Medicines Policy suggested by WHO:

1. Supportive legislation and regulations
2. Quality assurance
3. Public and professional acceptance
4. Economic factors and financial incentives
Running of the Workshop

• **Group Formation**: Around 10 persons per group with a mixture across different settings per table (community, hospital, PHC etc)

• **Group Discussions**: There will be group discussions based on the tasks assigned – ~30 minutes

• **Presentations**: Each group need to synthesize recommendations on the 4 main areas of discussions (slides 3) and present their findings – ~7 minutes per group to summarize discussion points

• **Overall Outcome**: Convenors will summarize and finalize key recommendations made by the groups – ~20 minutes

• **Final Report**: To be submitted to the College of Pharmacy for further dissemination and action with stakeholders within 7 days
Tasks for Breakout Sessions

• You have been previously provided with key resources related to GM policies and research from some countries

• Select a group leader and a note-taker for your group

• Based on your readings and experiences, discuss the 4 main areas of GM Policy suggested by WHO

• List your recommendations/strategies for improving the use of generic medicines in Qatar under the areas above

• Your suggestions can include issues around education, research, legislations, policy, and practice – Present
Some Selected Relevant Papers


THANK YOU IN ADVANCE TO ALL FACILITATORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND ATTENDEES