



OPL Scientific Committee:

Role and Structure



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The Scientific Committee

- ▶ Responsible of all **scientific** activities of practicing pharmacists in Lebanon
- ▶ Responsible of **scientific** improvement that will lead to a better quality of pharmacy practice
- ▶ Responsible of data generation related to the profession, to **back up** managerial and professional decisions



Vision

- ▶ Build the workforce capacity of pharmacists to meet the growing challenges related to optimizing the use of medicines
- ▶ Ensure the recognition of the pharmacist as the expert professional for medication governance, information and management.



Mission

Enable research and development of excellence in pharmacy practice through building **knowledge expertise** and **skills** of the workforce to achieve optimal health outcomes.



Objectives

The objectives are to create educational activities that will enable pharmacists to:

- ▶ Optimize patient centered care
- ▶ Improve quality and safety of medication use
- ▶ Increase operational efficiency of the medication process
- ▶ Promote leaders/experts in medication therapy management
- ▶ Ensure proper credentialing, development and training
- ▶ Explore the possibility to apply technology and automation
- ▶ Foster collaboration with healthcare team, and
- ▶ Promote pharmacy practice research



Scientific Committee Structure

- ▶ The Central Committee per se
- ▶ The Medication Safety sub-committee
- ▶ The Hospital setting sub-committee
- ▶ The Community setting sub-committee
- ▶ The Research sub-committee
- ▶ The Academic Board sub-committee
- ▶ The Foreign Affairs sub-committee
- ▶ *Ad hoc* sub-committees



Central Committee per se

- ▶ Core committee: appointed by the OPL Executive Board. It includes:
 - ▶ 1 Chair
 - ▶ 2 members of the Executive Board
 - ▶ Other appointed members
- ▶ Central Committee includes:
 - ▶ Core Committee
 - ▶ Director of DIS
 - ▶ Other members
- ▶ Main activity:
 - ▶ Liaison with the OPL Executive Board
 - ▶ Organizing OPL Pharmacist Day and OPL Annual Congress
 - ▶ Suggesting other scientific activities



Medication Safety Subcommittee

- ▶ Structure:
 - ▶ Chair
 - ▶ Standing members
 - ▶ Other members
- ▶ Responsible of Medication Safety culture implementation in Lebanon.
- ▶ Ongoing activities:
 - ▶ Assessment of the Medication Safety knowledge, attitude and practice among pharmacists and the general population
 - ▶ Implementation of the Medication Safety notification system
 - ▶ Data analysis and reporting to concerned authorities



Research Subcommittee

- ▶ Structure:
 - ▶ Chair
 - ▶ Standing members
 - ▶ Other members
- ▶ Performs research projects of professional and scientific interest, based on the needs of other committees and OPL structures.
- ▶ Ongoing activities:
 - ▶ Health-related research strategy development (through bibliometric methods)
 - ▶ Antibiotics related situation assessment and sensitization campaign
 - ▶ Training development for pharmacists on Good Research Practice
 - ▶ Diverse research projects implementation through an electronic platform



Hospital Setting Subcommittee

- ▶ Structure:
 - ▶ Chair
 - ▶ Standing members
 - ▶ Other members
- ▶ Continuing Education sessions specific for pharmacists in hospital setting:
 - ▶ Hospital pharmacy
 - ▶ Clinical pharmacy



Community Setting Subcommittee

- ▶ Structure:
 - ▶ Chair
 - ▶ Standing members
 - ▶ Other members
- ▶ Ongoing projects:
 - ▶ Financial situation assessment of community pharmacists
 - ▶ Situation assessment concerning Continuing Education
 - ▶ Situation assessment concerning Medication Errors



Academic Board Subcommittee

- ▶ Structure:
 - ▶ Chair
 - ▶ Standing members
 - ▶ 2 members of each university
- ▶ Objective: bridging the gap between academia and practice
- ▶ Activities:
 - ▶ Setting the minimal competencies necessary for general and specialized pharmacists at entry level (at the moment of graduation): pharmacy education standards and accreditation
 - ▶ Organizing the Colloquium, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the Lebanese University
 - ▶ Discussing the possibility for establishing residency training
 - ▶ Discussing the possibility for establishing Pharmacy board
 - ▶ Starting a collaborative interuniversity diploma in MTM



The Foreign Affairs Sub-Committee

- ▶ Structure:
 - ▶ Headed by the President
 - ▶ Chair of the Scientific Committee as co-chair
 - ▶ Other appointed members
- ▶ Responsible of the OPL relationship with foreign bodies:
 - ▶ The Fédération Internationale Pharmaceutique (FIP)
 - ▶ The World Health Organization (WHO)
 - ▶ The Conférence Internationale des Ordres de Pharmaciens Francophones (CIOPF)
 - ▶ The Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS)
 - ▶ The American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP)



Other Sub-Committees

Ad hoc sub-committees as appointed by the President for emergent issues.



Related Committee: Continuing Education

- ▶ Structure:
 - ▶ Headed by the President
 - ▶ Chair of the Scientific Committee as co-chair
 - ▶ DIS Director as rapporteur
 - ▶ Other members appointed by the board
- ▶ Appointed by the Board
- ▶ Responsible of pharmacists' Continuing Education management
- ▶ Organizing and suggesting new CE activities