

# Shedding the Light on Pharmacists' Roles during COVID-19 Global Pandemic

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### Highlights

- During COVID-19 pandemic, pharmacists are at the frontline fighting against the disease, ensuring pharmacy services continuity, and alleviating pressure on other healthcare systems.
- Pharmacists' role has expanded and is supported by healthcare policymakers in many countries.
- Their roles can be divided into three main categories; “disease management and infection control”, “balancing drug supply and demand”, “patient care and support for other healthcare providers”.
- Clinical pharmacists provide direct patient care through monitoring adverse drug reactions, ensuring individualized treatment, performing evidence-based practice, and evaluating drugs in clinical trials.
- Community pharmacists increase people’s awareness regarding the preventive measures, balance medicines supply and demand, provide drive-thru, home delivery services, offer telehealth counselling, psychological support, refer suspected COVID-19 patients, and provide vaccination when available.