Kazakhstan Ministry of healthcare of Social Development launches the
Kazakhstan National Formulary (KNF)

The Ministry of Health has launched a free, open-access digital National Formulary (KNF) to improve the standard of healthcare for patients and healthcare professionals within Kazakhstan.

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The new digital Kazakhstan National Formulary (KNF) has been developed to improve the standard of healthcare across the country by providing easy access to the latest up-to-date, approved and effective prescribing information for healthcare professionals.

Available in both Kazakh and Russian, the KNF is a key step towards improving patient outcomes and supporting medical professionals through providing consistent and evidence-based medicines information. It can be accessed through any online connection at [www.knf.kz](http://www.knf.kz) , and can be used on both desktops and mobile technology such as smartphones and tablets.

The KNF will help improve patient outcomes by ensuring that everyone receives the same care wherever they are in Kazakhstan, using a comprehensive suite of guidance checked and approved by experts. Moreover, the KNF will give information at point of care to support clinical decision making, regardless of location. The KNF will help busy prescribers keep up to date with the newest approved medicines based on the latest evidence. It will also enable healthcare professionals to confirm dosages and to be made aware of any updates in existing medicines. The KNF is peer reviewed, takes feedback from any doctor via the website to encourage evidence-based practice, is constantly updated and is easy to use.

Developed by experts to a high level, the KNF is the most advanced source of evidence-based information for healthcare in Central Asia, if not the World, and has already been noticed by a number of neighbouring countries such as Russia, the Ukraine, and Belarus, as well as further afield in Belgium, France, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The KNF database is managed by a team of highly trained editors, advised by expert physicians, all working in Kazakhstan and reporting ultimately to the Minister. It is hosted by The Republican Centre for Health Development ensuring that complete control of the formulary rests within the country and within the government.

Duncan Enright, Managing Director of Evidence-based Networks, said:

"We have been working with the Ministry of Healthcare and Social Development since 2015 to bring this excellent resource to Kazakhstan. It was clear that giving Kazakh doctors a way to access the most up-to-date, government approved medicines information would be a real benefit to both the doctors and the patients.

“With our experience working with the world renowned British National Formulary (BNF) we were ideally placed to help. We feel privileged to have worked on such a great project and look forward to seeing the very real improvements it will cause when adopted across Kazakhstan."

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