



Co-sponsorship of Draft resolution - Reducing the burden of stroke: strengthening prevention, acute care, rehabilitation and health-system readiness (EB158.R4)

Co-sponsorship of Draft resolution - Precision medicine: a path towards targeted, personalized and equitable care (EB158.R2)

Co-sponsorship of Draft resolution - Advancing smart, efficient pharmacovigilance as an essential tool for robust, sustainable, resilient and responsive health systems, for everyone, everywhere (EB158.R5)

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Chair,

With cerebrovascular disease being a leading cause of disability and mortality, and very cognisant of the fact that four out of five strokes are preventable, Malta considers the prevention, timely acute care, rehabilitation and long-term care of stroke patients to be high on the National agenda. As we continue to work hard to improve stroke outcomes, recognizing the importance of prevention and rapid intervention, we strongly support the draft resolution on reducing the burden of stroke, and would like to be included as co-sponsors of this important resolution.

The rapid evolution of biomedical and digital health sciences brings the innovation of precision medicine very much to the forefront for the prevention and management of noncommunicable and infectious diseases as well as healthcare.



Recognizing the importance and fast pace of advancement in the area, the Malta Human Genome project began sequencing the Maltese Genome back in and building on this foundation, the CARE-OMICS “Comprehensive Approach for Rare Diseases Employing Multi-Omics Strategies” project (2024-2026) utilised multi-omics, advancing precision medicine. In 2023 the University of Malta launched DwarnaBio, a national population-based biobank, that aims to serve as a resource for genomic research in the Maltese population.

Being an important focus in Malta for many years, we are pleased to co-sponsor the resolution on Precision Medicine. We also advocate for increased awareness on the subject, as the broader public needs to remain highly engaged for longitudinal studies to succeed.

Malta is also co-sponsoring the resolution advancing smart, efficient pharmacovigilance – another most important topic – crucial in ensuring medication safety and public health. Having launched our National Patient Safety Strategy earlier this month, Malta believes that the strengthening of national pharmacovigilance systems is a first big step necessary in the area.

Thank you