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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Summit on Circulatory Health

Access to Essential and  
Affordable Medicines and  
Technologies

# Summary of Discussion (1)

- Integrated PHC systems are the foundation (with linkages to community awareness-raising and screening initiatives)
- Need increased (& protected) financing for CVD & NCDs (both gov't budgets and ODA)
- Unified messaging across all levels of care
- Need improved adherence to medications – telehealth can support this
- Need to elevate the patient voice
- Need to update evidence base, and essential medicines lists
- Robust health information systems to quantify demand for CVD meds & tech

# Summary of Discussion (2)

- Political processes – civil society should track international treaties for implications on access to generic medicines
- Pooled procurement – way to make medicines more affordable & available
- Need way to identify target population (for both management and prevention)
- Make dispensing and accessing essential meds more simple for healthcare recipients – (combinations, & avoid transportation costs & missing work)
- Must remember cheap, essential technologies (esp. for management after CVD events)

# Potential Action Points

## Financing

- WHO & civil society call for countries to increase funding for CVD within health budgets

## Advocacy support

- Support for national foundations in essential meds advocacy to governments from international organizations and NGOs

## Pooled procurement

- Technical support for regions & large countries to seek pooled procurement of essential CVD medicines ([e.g. PAHO Strategic Fund, which includes NCD medicines](#))