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# Community pharmacy challenges and ways forward

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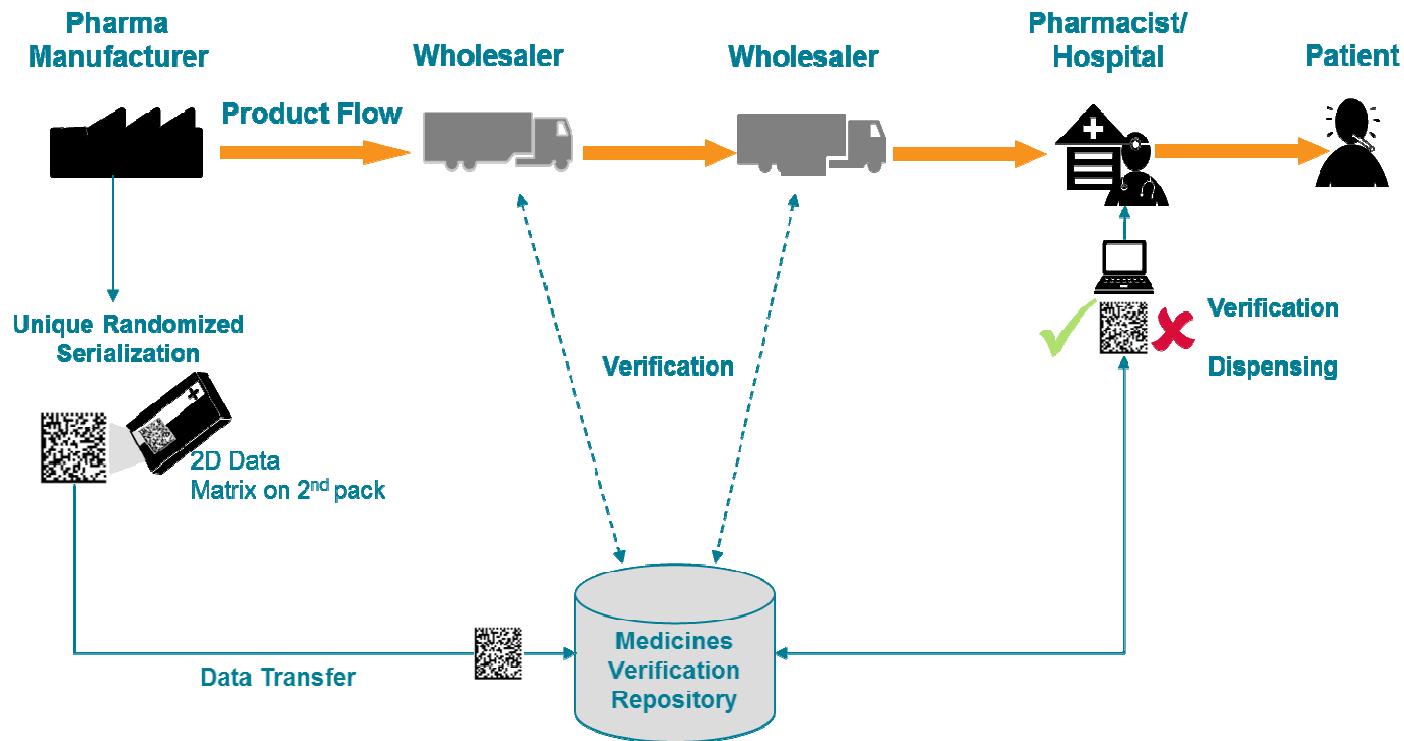


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# End-to-end verification system





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## What does it mean in ph

- New scanners
- Upgrade of pharmacy management software
- Update pharmacy (national) product libraries
- Update Quality Assurance Systems: New SoPs, guidelines, etc.
- Workforce training and support
- Safeguarding pharmacy business data

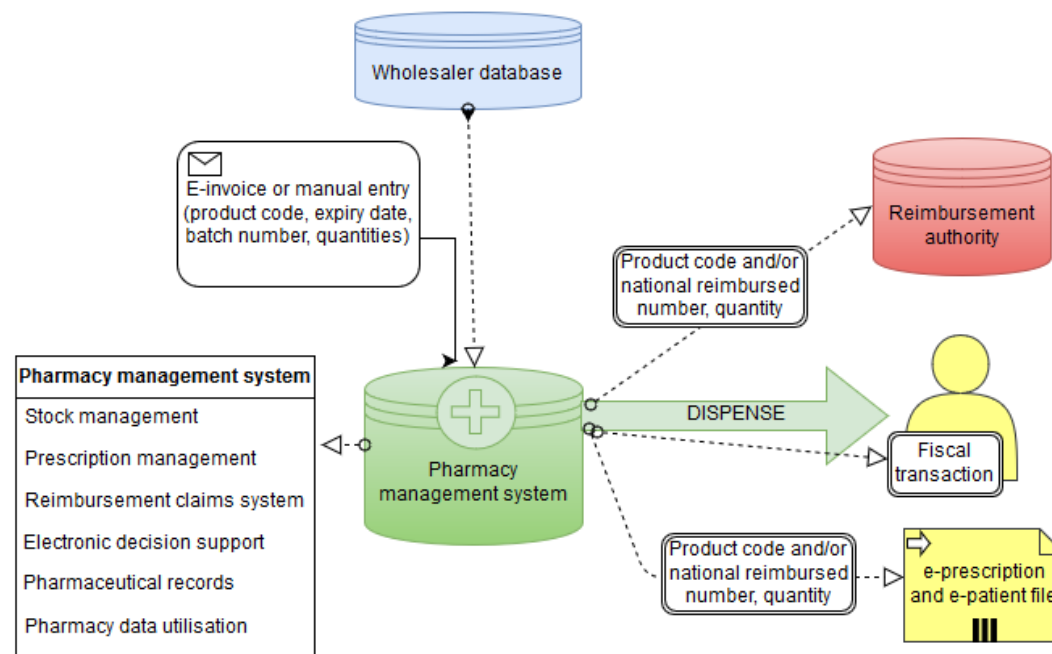




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## Ways forward

- Clarity from regulators on product identification and extension of the scope
- Clarification on financial risk in case of suspected falsified product
- Using existing pharmacy IT infrastructures to connect pharmacies to NMVS is a preferred solution in some countries
- Continuous cooperation of supply chain partners and NCAs through technical implementation stage



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# Pharmacy is a 'front face' EMVS

- Primary role of pharmacy is timely supply of safe and high quality medicines to EU patients,
- Patients will be reassured that medicines dispensed at any EU pharmacy are authentic and safe,
- Purchasing medicines over the Internet will always carry risks, more needs to be done in raising awareness of inherent risks,
- With verification of medicines in pharmacies and hospitals, counterfeit threat will be effectively eradicated in the legitimate supply chain.





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Thank you!

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