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TRANSFORMING PHARMACEUTICAL EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE: A GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF SUCCESSES, CHALLENGES, AND EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES

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Relevance: Pharmaceutical education plays a crucial role in preparing the next generation of professionals who will shape global healthcare delivery. As the industry faces challenges such as emerging diseases, an aging population, and the integration of advanced technologies, it is essential for educational systems to evolve. Future pharmacists must possess the knowledge, skills, and adaptability to address these issues. This study evaluates current educational reforms and explores how pharmaceutical education systems can better align with emerging healthcare trends, technological advancements, and global health crises. The findings offer valuable insights for educators, policymakers, and industry leaders aiming to modernize pharmaceutical education globally.

Purpose of the study: This study examines the reform of pharmaceutical education, focusing on successes, challenges, and emerging opportunities. As healthcare continues to evolve, so too must the education of future pharmacists. The research highlights successful integrations of technologies such as AI and digital learning platforms, as well as the growing emphasis on practical training. Despite these advancements, challenges remain, including outdated curricula, resistance to change, and global disparities. The study identifies opportunities, including AI-driven personalized learning, interdisciplinary collaboration, and a focus on global health issues, to better align education with the evolving needs of modern healthcare.

Materials and methods: A mixed-methods approach was employed, beginning with a comprehensive literature review of recent pharmaceutical education reforms. Surveys and interviews were conducted with educators, students, and industry professionals to gather insights into successes and challenges. Case studies from global institutions were analyzed to identify best practices. Additionally, a comparative analysis of pharmaceutical education systems across different regions was performed. Data were analyzed to assess the effectiveness of current reforms and identify emerging opportunities.

Results: The study found that integrating technology, such as AI and digital platforms, significantly enhanced student engagement and personalized learning. Practical training through internships and simulations also improved students' readiness for real-world applications. However, challenges such as outdated curricula, resistance to new teaching methods, and unequal access to resources across regions persist. Opportunities for further improvement include leveraging AI for personalized learning, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, and incorporating global health challenges into the curriculum.

Conclusions: The study concludes that technological integration, such as AI and digital platforms, has positively impacted student engagement and personalized learning. Practical training through internships and simulations has enhanced real-world readiness. However, challenges remain, including outdated curricula, resistance to new teaching methods, and disparities in access to resources. To address these issues, future reforms should focus on leveraging AI for personalized

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learning, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, and integrating global health challenges into the curriculum to better prepare future pharmacists for the demands of modern healthcare.