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Title: WHO, IGAP AND FUTURE PROSPECTS FOR ADVOCACY

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None

Learning Objectives

1. Raise policy prioritization and strengthen governance.
2. Provide effective, timely and responsive diagnosis, treatment, and care.
3. Implement strategies for promotion and prevention.
4. Foster research and innovation and strengthen information systems.
5. Strengthen the public health approach to epilepsy and other neurological diseases

Key Message

1. Epidemiological Trends: Neurological disorders are on the rise in Asia due to factors such as aging populations, changing lifestyles, and increased exposure to risk factors. Advocacy can highlight these trends and emphasize the need for a coordinated approach to prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.
2. Raising awareness about neurological conditions is essential. Advocacy can help reduce stigma associated with these disorders and promote early diagnosis and intervention.
3. Neurological disorders often transcend borders. Advocacy can encourage collaboration between Asian countries and the global community to share best practices, research findings, and resources.
4. Advocacy can influence policy decisions related to healthcare infrastructure, insurance coverage, and the allocation of resources for neurological care. This can lead to better access to services for patients.
5. Regional and national Societies and Association particularly Asian Oceanian association of Neurology (AOAN) can play very important role in implementation of WHO-IGAP objectives. This will also include local societies in collaboration with national health ministries and national WHO offices

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