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Mitja Kos is the Head of the Chair of Social Pharmacy and an associate professor for social pharmacy at the University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Pharmacy, Slovenia.

He has graduated as a pharmacist in 1999 and defended his doctoral thesis on the topic of off-label prescribing in 2005. He has developed expertise in several different fields including pharmacoconomics and outcomes research with Prof. Albert I. Wertheimer (Temple University), pharmacoepidemiology with Prof. Bert Leufkens (University of Utrecht), medicine pricing and regulation with Prof. Stanislav Primožič (University of Ljubljana, then Agency of the Republic of Slovenia for Medicinal Products and Medical Devices) and pharmaceutical care practice with Prof. Aleš Mrhar (University of Ljubljana).

The focus of his scientific and professional activities are health technology assessment, comparative effectiveness and optimization of drug use. At the Faculty of pharmacy, University of Ljubljana he has built a nationally recognised reference centre for pharmacoconomics and evidence based pharmacy practice. He has been the coordinator of more than 30 projects and is a co-author of more than 50 publications.

Currently, he is the Chairman of Pharmaceutical Care Network Europe which aims to research and develop pharmacist's contributions to the care of individuals in order to optimize medicines use and improve health outcomes. With a similar function he is also involved in the work of the expert group within Slovene Chamber of pharmacy that assures the quality of newly developed medication review services.

Recently, he has served as a member of the Health Council at the Ministry of Health of the Republic Slovenia and as a member of two expert commissions at the Agency for Medicinal Products and Medical Devices of the Republic Slovenia: one focusing on the evaluation of clinical trials and the other on drug prices.

In 2015 he has received Minařik recognition award from the Slovenian Pharmaceutical Society.



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