

Statement on the Political Declaration of the Third High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases

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Primary Health Care (PHC) teams lead the fight against Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), responsible for 33% of annual global deaths, especially in low and middle-income countries. They prioritize preventive care and community partnerships, enhancing health literacy and self-care. Within these teams, Family Doctors address social determinants of health, manage complex chronic conditions, and promote safe medicine use. By delivering face-to-face and telehealth visits, they ensure continuity of care, advancing Universal Health Coverage and contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals.

WONCA call on governments and health organizations to:

1. **Promote Preventive Care**, focusing on early detection and management of NCDs through screenings and community measures. PHC teams should lead efforts to address major risk factors and manage complexity and polypharmacy safely.
2. **Strengthen and invest in PHC systems**, including training and supporting Family Doctors to lead teams in NCD prevention and management.