## **VISION**

To be an internationally renowned regulatory authority for medicinal products and cosmetics.

### **MISSION**

To safeguard the nation's health through scientific excellence in the regulatory control of medicinal products and cosmetics.



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# NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL REGULATORY AGENCY (NPRA)

Ministry of Health Malaysia

# **OUR HISTORY**

The National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency (NPRA), was set up in October 1978 under the quality control activity of Pharmacy and Supply Programme. This institution was established to implement quality control on pharmaceutical products. The infrastructure and facilities were designed to meet the requirements for testing and quality control activities.

Beginning 1985, NPRA was given the task of ensuring the quality, efficacy and safety of pharmaceuticals through the registration and licensing scheme. This is achieved through evaluation of scientific data and laboratory tests on all products before they are marketed.

NPRA also handles courses and provides trainings to drug regulatory personnels from other countries such as Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Mongolia and Vietnam.

NPRA is internationally recognised by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as a "WHO Collaborating Centre for Regulatory Control of Pharmaceuticals".

## **ROLES & FUNCTIONS**

- To implement the drug registration / cosmetic notification scheme through evaluation, analysis, research, and information from international agencies.
- To carry out tests on drugs and cosmetics to ensure the quality, safety, and efficacy of products in the market.
- To manage and monitor drug safety in consumers through the Adverse Drug Monitoring Program, Product Recall Scheme, and etc.
- To disseminate information on policies/news of the Drug Control Authority (DCA), information on registered products, and other related information to the public and to relevant parties.

- To carry out research for the purpose of quality, efficacy and safety of drugs/ cosmetics.
- To guide local pharmaceutical manufacturers towards international standard manufacturing processes.
- To issue license to pharmaceutical manufacturers, importers and wholesalers in the country.
- To provide trainings for NPRA pharmaceutical regulatory officers and participants from international cooperation scheme countries.

# **OBJECTIVE**

To ensure that therapeutic substances approved for the local market are safe, effective and of quality and also to ensure that cosmetic products approved are safe and of quality.