

## OS33-2 Pharmacy education in Korea; Challenges for a better future

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In South Korea, pharmacy education has gone through significant changes throughout the past decade to improve competency of pharmacy sector and increase its base in academia. Pharmacy education system in Korea was changed from a four-year program to a six (2+4) year program in 2009. The 2+4 program is consisted of at least two years of undergraduate program before the entrance to the program followed by 4 years of pharmacy education for students who have passed the Pharmacy Education Eligibility Test (PEET). The new education system offers courses that combine scientific, clinical, and professional approaches in the field of pharmacy. Under the new 2+4 system, pharmacy students are also given more opportunities to practice in various settings than they had before. Six years have passed after the introduction of new pharmacy education program in Korea, and a number of ongoing efforts still exist to innovate the system. This presentation will be about the current status of pharmacy education and our challenges faced in bettering future of pharmacy education in Korea.