

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE AND COMPETITION

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The Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic has put healthcare as the top public policy priority world over, where public health interests prevailed over national economic interests when wide scale lockdowns were announced. The pandemic has also triggered policy thinking towards self-sufficiency in healthcare, including having a domestic base for local production of pharmaceuticals.

It is widely believed that the *ex ante* competition policy (pro-competition government policies) and then *ex post* competition law enforcement can be used as tools to enhance access to healthcare.

This webinar is being organised to deliberate upon the roles that competition policy and law can play in enhancing access to healthcare, understanding that access to healthcare is largely dependent on its 'availability' and 'affordability'.

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