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Opening Remarks
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Regulation is defined as...

- “A rule, a law or other order prescribed by authority especially to regulate conduct”
- A prescription, a regulating principle, a governing direction or a precept


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Conference Scope and Purpose

- To bring together an international forum of multi-disciplinary health professionals to discuss how regulation is impacting professional practice
- To inquire about how the different models of regulation are protecting society


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- to ask how regulation should change in the future, and if so, how and why
- to probe how this will ultimately affect healthcare on a global level


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Patient Centred Approach

- Should come from all realms of health practitioners
- Creates an awareness of the greater purpose of our practices
- Factors affecting patient care:
 - Immediate, direct contact
 - higher level regulation


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Emerging Challenges for Healthcare Professionals

- Practice settings are diversifying in both location and multi-disciplinary collaboration
- Patient and professional demographics are shifting the needs vs. service axis
- Globalization and increased access to health information by patients are changing the pressures and expectations under which we as health professionals work

Toward Some Conclusions

- Models of health professional regulation
- Regulatory body governance and performance
- Trade in services and its implications