



Regulating and developing the pharmaceutical sector

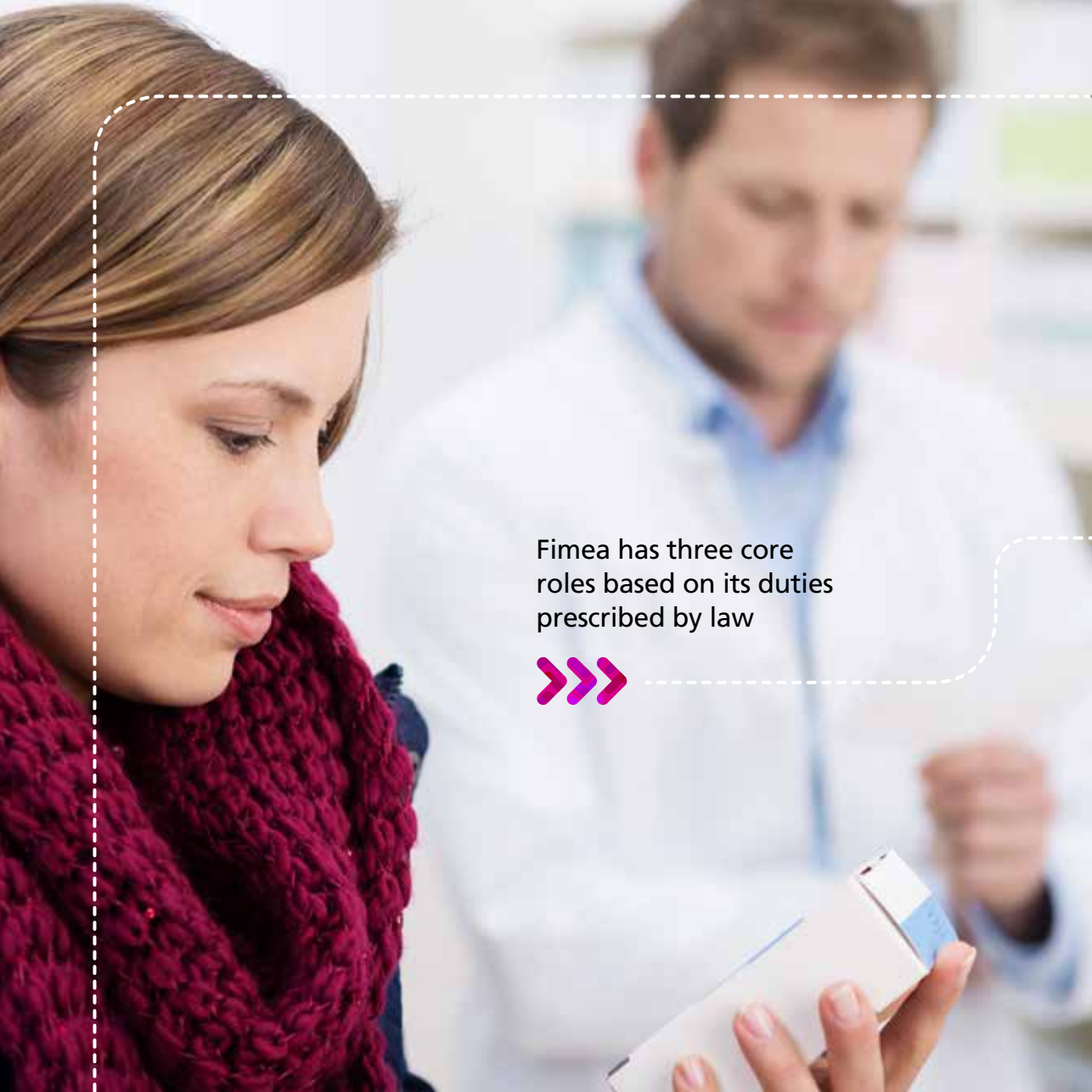
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Finnish Medicines Agency

The Finnish Medicines Agency Fimea is the key administrative and regulatory organisation in the pharmaceutical services sector in Finland, with responsibilities covering a wide range of management, planning, supervision and development duties.

Fimea promotes the health and safety of the population through regulatory activities and involvement in the sector's development. We also promote safe and appropriate medicinal treatment and sensible use of medicines.

Fimea is a central agency operating under the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health. Our customer-driven operations are built on collaboration with the social and health care sector, and with various authorities, universities and research institutes. Being an integral part of the EU pharmaceutical regulatory network, we contribute to the formulation of EU pharmaceutical policies and engage actively in international co-operation.



Fimea has three core
roles based on its duties
prescribed by law



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A public service agency providing services to the business community

Fimea's marketing authorisation system is designed to ensure that all medicinal products available in the Finnish pharmaceuticals markets for human and veterinary use meet the requirements set for them in terms of safety, efficacy and quality.

Fimea issues licenses and other permits to medicinal product manufacturers, wholesalers and pharmacies. We conduct inspections to ensure that the medicinal products available in the Finnish markets are correctly manufactured and distributed, readily available, and safe to use.

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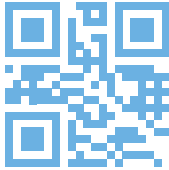
A regulatory and supervisory agency

Fimea fosters novel drug development and drug research in Finland through regulation and supervision.

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A development agency

Fimea produces and provides healthcare professionals, medicine users and the general public with unbiased and current information on medicines and their use. We study and assess the therapeutic and economic value of medicines and coordinate drug research in the pharmaceutical sector in order to contribute to decision-making in society.



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