Record Nr. UNINA9910829052203321 Adherence to long-term therapies: evidence for action / / edited by **Titolo** Eduardo Sabate Pubbl/distr/stampa Geneva,: World Health Organization, 2003 **ISBN** 1-280-04123-4 9786610041237 1-4175-2627-0 92-4-068004-7 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (206 p.) SabateEduardo Altri autori (Persone) Disciplina 362.16 615.5 Chronic diseases - Treatment Soggetti Patient compliance Medical policy Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Contents; Preface; Ackowledgement; Scientific writers; Introduction; Nota di contenuto Take-home messages: Section I - Setting the scene: Section II -Improving adherence rates: guidance for countries; Section III -Disease-specific reviews: Annexes: Where to find a copy of this book Adherence to therapies is a primary determinant of treatment success. Sommario/riassunto Poor adherence attenuates optimum clinical benefits and therefore reduces the overall effectiveness of health systems. "Medicines will not work if you do not take them". Medicines will not be effective if patients do not follow prescribed treatment, yet in developed countries only 50% of patients who suffer from chronic diseases adhere to treatment recommendations. In developing countries, when taken

together with poor access to health care, lack of appropriate diagnosis

and limited access to medicines, poor adherence is t