

Patent Information Initiative for Medicines

Pat-INFORMED

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What is Pat-INFORMED?

- The **Patent Information Initiative for Medicines**, (Pat-INFORMED) is a search engine to help pharmaceutical procurement agencies determine the patent status of a medicine.
- It **facilitates access to and availability of pharmaceutical patent information** to inform procurement decisions.
- Pat-INFORMED is a partnership among WIPO, IFPMA and 21 global pharma companies.

What Pat-INFORMED is NOT?

- A one-stop shop listing all information relevant to procurement
- A linkage system (listing in Pat-INFORMED has no legal implications)
- A freedom-to-operate analysis tool
- Error free – (database for general information; report inaccuracies function)

Why did we create Pat-INFORMED?

- Greater transparency of patent information on medicines.
- WIPO Development Agenda Recommendation 31:
... better access to publicly available patent information...
- UN Sustainable Development Goals:
 - Goal 3 Promote health and well-being
 - Goal 9 Foster innovation
 - Goal 17 Strengthen implementation through partnerships

What's in Pat-INFORMED?

- 21 Companies
- 263 INNs (169 at launch)
- 775 Patent Families (600 at launch)
- 21572 Patents (14,000 at launch)

Which therapeutic areas does Pat-INFORMED cover?

HIV/
AIDS

Cardiovascular
diseases

Diabetes

Hepatitis
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Oncology

Respiratory
conditions



All products on the WHO EML that are not within these therapy areas

→ Companies are now populating the database to cover all small-molecules therapeutic areas.

Key Functionalities

DATABASE that affords pharmaceutical procurement experts around the world access patent information by country.

It offers procurement agencies and experts the **FACILITY TO REQUEST** additional information directly from the patent holders.

Who can use Pat-INFORMED?

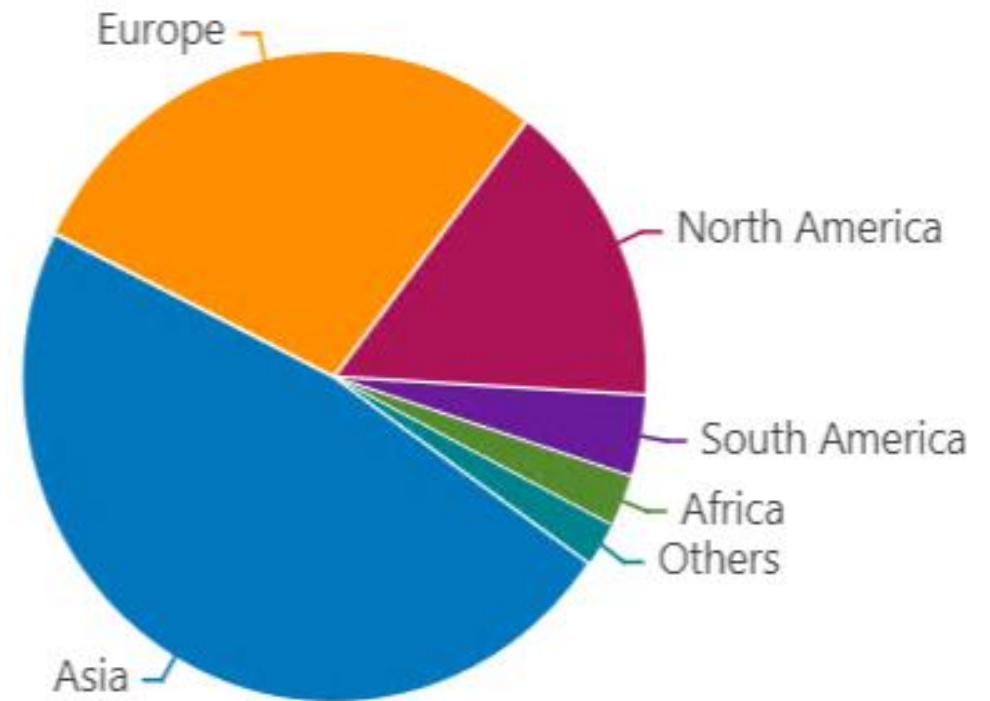
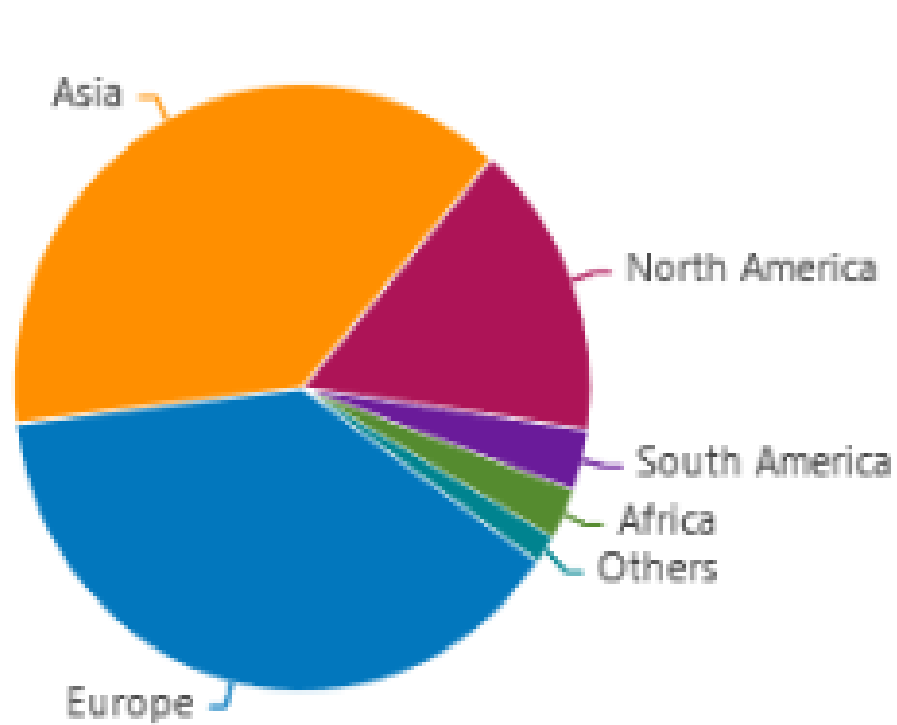


- The Pat-INFORMED database is accessible to everybody.
 - <https://www.wipo.int/patinformed/>

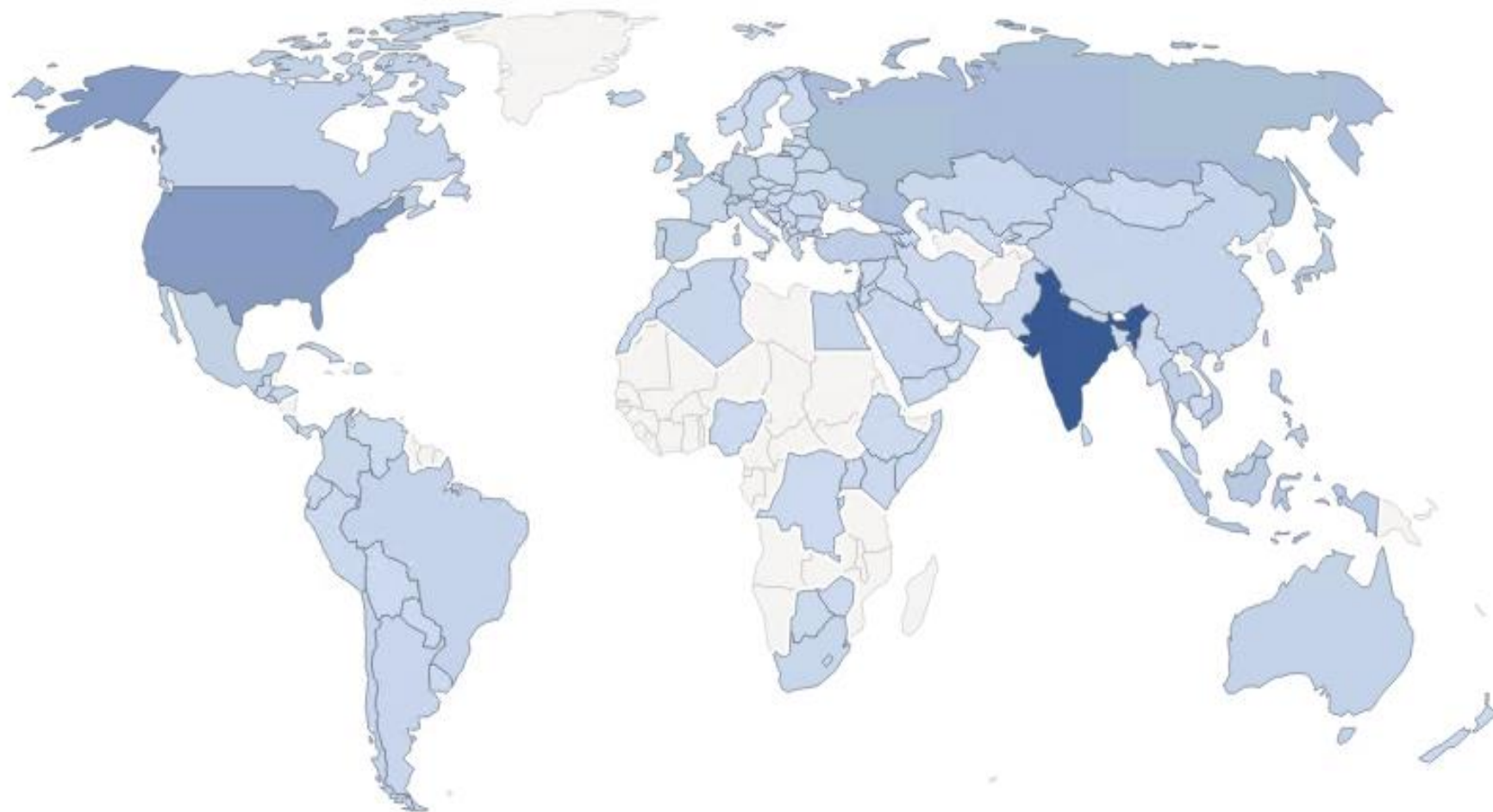


- The follow-on enquiry facility is limited to national and international procurement agencies. Information received is not confidential.

2023 and 2024 Visits – by Continent

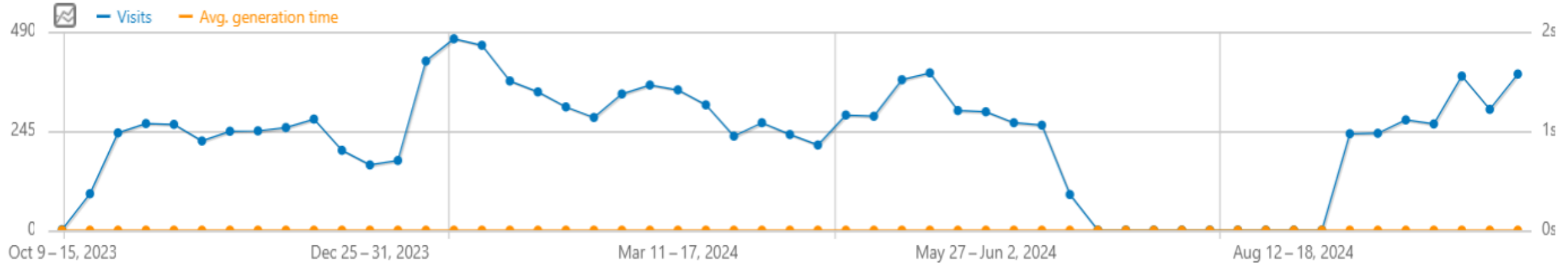


2024 Visits – Geographic Distribution



(Oct 2023 to Present)

Visits Over Time



12,082 visits, **7,873** unique visitors (Please note two months of data are missing between July and August because of a glitch in the analytics)

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