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CPME Activities



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Introducing CPME

- CPME represents national medical associations across Europe.
- We are committed to contributing the medical profession's point of view to EU institutions and European policy-making through proactive cooperation on a wide range of health and healthcare related issues.
- CPME promotes the highest level of medical training and practice but also the provision of evidence-based, ethical and equitable healthcare services.



Recent CPME activities

- Planning of CPMEs online General Assembly and Board meeting (20 – 21 November 2020) and “Doctors going digital: How to future-proof skills” 20 November 2020, Joint conference of the Standing Committee of European Doctors and the German Medical Association.
- COVID-19 lobby kit:
 - Pandemic Preparedness – European Doctors' Recommendations to the EU
 - CPME Final Report on COVID-19 gathering NMAs survey contributions
 - Discussion paper on the EU Competences in Public Health and Cross-Border Health Threats
- Advocacy for a strong and well financed EU4Health Programme.



Public Health: Vaccination

- CPME continues to co-chair the Coalition for Vaccination, where AEMH is also a member.
- Since April, the Coalition has been running an online advocacy campaign to promote the uptake of vaccines, particularly among healthcare professionals. Since early October, the focus is on influenza.
- CPME and its members assisted the European Commission and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine's Vaccine Confidence Project in the 2020 "State of Vaccine Confidence in the EU" report, which will be published at the end of the year.



eHealth: Digital Skills

- CPME is preparing a draft policy on digital skills for doctors. Main messages include:
 - Doctors should possess strong digital skills framed and adapted to their medical specialty and need to understand technologies' limitations and ensure appropriate professional oversight, particularly when involving Artificial Intelligence (AI)
 - Digitalization of healthcare procedures must not disrupt clinical processes and should be part of a doctor's care pathway. Patients and doctors should both be involved in the early stages of development of the eHealth tools.
 - Digital leaders should be identified in healthcare settings, providing examples for others to follow.



eHealth: Digital Skills

- Examples of skills include:
 - Data analytics in healthcare, genomics and bioinformatics,
 - AI in health,
 - Telemedicine,
 - Smart health devices and mHealth,
 - Training with digital health technologies, such as virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR),
 - Ethical considerations and communication skills with patients, relatives and the healthcare team,
 - Legal implications of digital health tools,



Pharmaceutical Strategy

- The new pharmaceutical strategy by the European Commission will be published 24 November.
- CPME was involved throughout its preparation:
 - In June, CPME met with the Commission for Health (Stella Kyriakides) to present the position of European doctors.
 - In July, CPME responded to the roadmap to the strategy.
 - In September, CPME responded to public consultations on the strategy.



Pharmaceutical strategy

- Main points raised:
 - Proposed actions to tackle medicinal shortages,
 - Addressed the problem of excessive pricing,
 - Comments on R&D priorities and authorization procedures.

PHARMACEUTICAL STRATEGY FOR EUROPE

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Learning from COVID-19, towards a crisis-resistant system
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Ensuring accessibility and affordability of medicines
- 
Supporting sustainable innovation, emerging science and digitalisation
- 
Reducing medicines shortages and securing strategic autonomy



Professional practice

- Mutual recognition of doctors' qualifications post-Brexit:
 - Joint letter with the EMOs regarding the future post-Brexit recognition, which can be found [here](#). EMOs had a meeting with DG TRADE negotiators 16 October to discuss the letter and the European Doctors' standpoint.
- Criminalisation of acts of solidarity: Working Group web-meeting 5 October with their work on a draft CPME policy continuing.



Save the date!

- Next CPME meeting:
 - 20 –21 November 2020, virtual
- “Doctors going digital: How to future-proof skills”
 - 20 November 2020, hybrid
- SEPEN closing event:
 - 28 October 13:00 –15:00



Thank you for your attention!

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