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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.
- Based on the **believe** that the best quality of health and access to healthcare should be a reality for everyone.



## Recent CPME activities

- CPME lobbying on the **future of health in the EU** and the next EU budget
  - CPME call for a strong Commission for health was successful.
  - DG Sante portfolio expanded and Commissioner-designate Stella Kyriakides is known to be strong on health.
- **Outcomes of CPME Board and General Assembly, April 2019**
  - Statement the ethics guidelines for trustworthy AI
  - CPME Policy on healthy living for all



## CPME on AI

- Recognition that **digital transformation** is changing medical practice.
- Working to create **trust in and acceptability of** new technologies for patients and health care professionals.
- CPME advocates appropriate **implementation** of digital tools in healthcare delivery.
- AI may constitute a **unique instrument** in the set of emerging health care tools.
- AI in many fields already a **reality**, embedded in physicians' practice.



## CPME on AI

- CPME adopted a **statement on the ethics guidelines for AI** reaffirming the importance of ensuring data security and safeguarding medical confidentiality.
- Preparation of a comprehensive **policy paper on AI in health care** to be adopted later this year.
- CPME policy may touch upon **digital literacy and skills**, transparency, health data governance and legal challenges, among others.
- CPME policy may call for **integration of physicians' perspective** in design and implementation of AI in medical sector.



## CPME on healthy living

- New policy encourages doctors to **promote healthy lifestyles** during their contact with patients.
- CPME calls on political authorities to provide **new structures in local communities and health services** to ensure equal possibilities for healthy living for all citizens.
- CPME also supports reinforcing structural measures that support the availability of healthy food, **limit or prevent access to alcohol, tobacco and other addictive substances**, facilitate regular physical activity and promote healthy environments.



## CPME on healthy living

- As a part of its healthy living activities, CPME advocates for better **alcohol labelling**.
- calling to end the **exemption** of alcoholic beverages from EU Regulation 1169/2011 and list the ingredients and nutritional values on the product's label.
- CPME also supports the right of **national governments to take initiatives to increase public health** by including additional labelling information, such as health warnings on legal age limits, drinking during pregnancy, drinking and driving, and the link to cancer and other diseases.



## Further policy developments

### Vaccination

- CPME is continuously affirming that prevention of communicable diseases through vaccination is safe and effective.
- Participation in the **EU Joint Action on Vaccination**, aiming to build concrete tools to improve vaccination coverage in the EU.
- CPME co-chairs the **Coalition for Vaccination** bringing together European associations of healthcare professionals.
- Collaboration with academic research groups and patients' organisations to increase vaccine confidence.

### Refugee Health

- Working Group is updating the CPME statement on Medical Treatment of Refugees.



## Further policy developments

### Skill Mix

- Activities have launched with terms of references for more input into policy discussion.

### Health Systems

- Activities have launched with mapping the policy discussion and with work on a CPME membership survey.

### Brexit

- Letter to members sent to maintain the mutual recognition of professional qualifications mirroring the existing framework of the Professional Qualifications Directive.
- Joint letter to von der Leyen and Sassoli on behalf of the European Medical Organisations on Brexit and the European medical profession.



## Save the date!

- European Parliament event “The EU health debate 2019-2024: Health Champions Wanted”, Brussels, 9 October 2019
- Next CPME meeting: Helsinki, 15-16 November 2019
- Workshop “Implementation of One Health in undergraduate education”: Medical and Dental Supreme Chamber, Warsaw, 4 December 2019



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# Thank you for your attention!

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