



CPME activities & outlook

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We represent national medical associations across Europe, covering roughly:

1.7 million European Doctors from 37 countries

We are committed to contributing the medical profession's point of view to EU institutions and European policy-making through pro-active cooperation on a wide range of health and healthcare related issues.



We promote the highest level of medical training and practice but also the provision of evidence-based, ethical and equitable healthcare services.

CPME Members



Austria
Österreichische Ärztekammer
(Austrian Medical Chamber)



France
Conseil National de l'Ordre des Médecins
(French Medical Council)



Malta
Medical Association of Malta



Albania
Urdhri i Mjekëve të Shqipërisë
(Order of Physicians of Albania)



Belgium
Association Belge des Syndicats Médicaux
(ABSyM)
Belgische Vereniging van Artsen Syndicaten
(BVAS)



Germany
Bundesärztekammer
(German Medical Association)



Norway
Den norske lægeforening
(Norwegian Medical Association)



Georgia
Georgian Medical Association



Bulgaria
Български Лекарски Съюз
(Bulgarian Medical Association)



Greece
ΠΑΝΕΛΛΗΝΙΟΣ ΙΑΤΡΙΚΟΣ ΕΝΩΜΟΤΟΣ
(Panhellenic Medical Association)



Poland
Naczelna Izba Lekarska
(Polish Chamber of Physicians and Dentists)



Israeli Medical Association

Israel
Israeli Medical Association



Croatia
Hrvatska liječnička komora
(Croatian Medical Chamber)



Hungary
Magyar Orvosi Kamara
(Hungarian Medical Chamber)



Romania
Colegiul Medicilor din România
(Romanian College of Physicians)



Kosovo*
Cdo e Mjekëve të Kosovës*
(Kosovo* Doctors Chamber)



Cyprus
ΠΑΓΚΥΠΡΙΟΣ ΙΑΤΡΙΚΟΣ ΕΝΩΜΟΤΟΣ
(Cyprus Medical Association)



Iceland
Læknafélag Íslands
(Icelandic Medical Association)



Slovakia
Slovenská lekárska komora
(Slovak Medical Chamber)



Slovenia
Zbornica slovenskih zdravnikov
(Medical Chamber of Slovenia)



Montenegro
Ljekarska Komora Crne Gore
(The Medical Chamber of Montenegro)



Czech Republic
Česká lékařská komora
(Czech Medical Chamber)



Ireland
Ceardchumann Dochtúirí na hÉireann
(Irish Medical Organisation)



Sweden
Sveriges läkarförbund
(Swedish Medical Association)



North Macedonia
Мајсторска комора на Република Северна
Македонија
(Doctor's Chamber of North Macedonia)



Denmark
Lægeforeningen
(Danish Medical Association)



Latvia
Latvijas Ārstu biedrība
(Latvian Medical Association)



Switzerland
Verband der Schweizer Ärzte
(Swiss Medical Association)



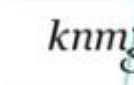
Serbia
Lekarska komora Srbije
(Serbian Medical Chamber)



Estonia
Eesti Arstide Liit
(Estonian Medical Association)



Lithuania
Lietuvos gydytojų sąjunga
(Lithuanian Medical Association)



The Netherlands
Koninklijke Nederlandse Maatschappij tot
Beoordeling der Geneesmiddelen (KNMG)
(Royal Dutch Medical Association)



Turkey
Türk Tabipleri Birliği



United Kingdom
British Medical Association



Ukraine
Ukrainian Medical Association (UMA)



Finland
Suomen Lääkäriliitto/Finlands Läkareförbund
(Finnish Medical Association)



Luxembourg
Association des Médecins et Médecins-
Dentistes du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg

Health Check for Europe 2024-2029

European doctors' ambitions to continue building the European Health Union:

1. Tackle the health workforce crisis
2. Ensure a safe digital transformation of healthcare
3. Enable healthier living
4. Guarantee accessibility and effectiveness of medicines
5. Take climate action for better health



POLICY AGENDA

Professional Practice

- CPME Policy on doctors' well-being
 - enhance the well-being of doctors
 - improving patient care, professional excellence, and overall job satisfaction
- Presentation at High-level Conference on the Future of the European Health Union, Brussels, 26-27 March 2024
- Support to members
 - Statement of support to British Medical Association on doctors' right to strike and physician substitution expresses Press conference at Medical Chamber of Slovenia in support of doctors' action and letter to minister on CPME's concerns over government action limiting doctors' right to strike
- Webinar featuring on the quality of basic medical education. Currently, CPME is drafting a policy aimed at ensuring the maintenance of high standards in basic medical education.

CPME European Doctors
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📣 Our General Assembly adopted a statement of concern over UK government action seeking to limit doctors' [#RightToStrike](#)

We also express concern and opposition to the trend of physician substitution by 'Physician Assistants'

👉 Full statement: cpme.eu/news/european-...



European doctors' concern over right to strike and physician substitution

CPME MEDICINS EUROPEENS
EUROPEAN DOCTORS

The BMA and 5 others

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POLICY NOVEMBER 2023

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Policy on Doctors' Well-being: Promoting Work-Life Balance and Supportive Environments

O. Recommendations:

Healthcare institutions should:

- Implement interventions that prioritise enhancing working conditions while ensuring a safe and secure environment at the workplace. Employers must ensure that provisions relating to appropriate working conditions are complied with.
- Implement benchmarks for minimum workforce capacities in healthcare to ensure safe staffing levels. This is only possible with fair financial remuneration.
- Establish confidential, easily accessible mental health services for doctors, including counselling, therapy, and helplines, while also promoting education programmes to reduce stigma and encourage doctors to seek help through clinical leadership involvement.

Pharmaceuticals & Healthcare Products

- Lobbying with on EU general pharmaceutical legislation with emphasis on:
 - Ensuring equitable access to innovative medicines across Europe
 - Tackling medicine shortages long-term
 - Addressing unmet medical need
 - Fighting antimicrobial resistance with One Health approach
- In June 2024, PGEU & CPME joint event on shortages of workforce, medical devices and medicines
- Next steps: new policy on transparency of relations between doctors and pharmaceutical industry

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Statement on the immediate need to take action on medicine shortages

The European doctors are concerned about the continuously urgent problem of medicine shortages and call for concerted action at the EU level to secure medicine supplies for the autumn and winter season, as well as in the longer perspective.

The availability of medicines has been a long-standing challenge in the EU. However recently, national medical associations have reported that the problem of medicine shortages has become systemic across seasons and types of medicinal products, which is impacting patient safety and the practice of healthcare professionals.

Knowing enough about the reasons for medicine shortages, the responsible actors must act now to avoid a repeat of last winter, when European patients faced severe shortages of essential medicines, including antibiotics, paediatric formulations and medicines for diabetes. The European Union must not only mitigate but also prevent medicine shortages.

The Standing Committee of European Doctors calls on the European Commission and the Member States to take immediate action in the following areas:

1. Demand forecasting and production

Pharmaceutical companies must fulfil their obligation to supply adequate quantities of medicines to the market. This will only be possible if responsible demand forecasting systems are used and based on robust data including from public authorities. The industry should adequately plan the manufacturing timelines, considering non-medical production inputs.

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Healthy Living

- Successful lobbying on adopted Ambient Air Quality legislation emphasising
 - EU legislation in closer alignment with WHO Air Quality Guidelines by 2030
 - Involvement of health professionals
- Lobbying on adverse health effects of cannabis highlighting
 - Evidence of substantial health harms related to cannabis use across Europe
 - Urge for policymakers to make efforts to reduce cannabis use by citizen
- Continued action on climate change and health, renewed cooperation with the Lancet Countdown, and upcoming work on the commercial determinants of health

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Policy on Adverse Health Effects of Cannabis

European doctors:

1. Warn that cannabis is a hazardous and addictive drug and a serious public health concern, and therefore discourages cannabis use.
2. Encourage local, national, and European public health agencies to improve surveillance efforts to ensure that more data is available on the short- and long-term health effects of cannabis, especially emergency department visits and hospitalisations, impaired driving, workplace impairment and worker-related injury and safety, and prevalence of psychiatric and addictive disorders, including cannabis use disorder.
3. Advocate for products containing cannabis to be subject to the same regulatory and licensing process as other prescription products.
4. Advocate for stronger public health messaging across the entire population regarding the adverse health effects of cannabis and cannabinoid inhalation and ingestion, with an emphasis on reducing initiation and frequency of cannabis use among adolescents, especially high potency products, pregnant women, and avoid use during pregnancy; and avoid use during pregnancy; and avoid use during pregnancy.
5. Advocate for access to people suffering from the problem.
6. Strongly oppose further legalisation of cannabis, as it indicates that legalisation is a public health concern.

Air pollution causes hundreds of thousands of premature deaths in Europe every year. EU air quality standards must be updated by 2030 at the latest.

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Patients, Principles & Ethics

- Independence of the medical profession
 - Increasing challenges across Europe, causing a threat to doctors, patients and society
 - Robust organisations representing the medical profession strengthens democracy
 - Independence is key in making patients' right to health a reality and safeguarding the highest quality of medical practice and autonomy
- Continued participation in Ukraine Medical Help Fund
- Support to Turkish Medical Association

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Statement on the independence of the medical profession

The independence of the medical profession across Europe faces increasing challenges. As European doctors we underline what is at stake for doctors, patients and society as a whole if it is not safeguarded and reinforced:

- National medical associations, both CPME full members and associate members, report challenges to the independence of the profession at the level of individual doctors, medical facilities and the organised representation of doctors. These challenges can take many forms:
 - Individual doctors have faced governmental pressure to break patient-doctor confidentiality and report names of patients seeking their care to identify undocumented migrants or protesters for the purposes of launching prosecutions.
 - Financial actors without medical background or mandate are accessing the ownership and governance of medical facilities as capital investors to skew patient care to the maximum economic profitability of services and restricting doctors in their clinical practice.
 - National medical associations voicing their opposition to government policy have been taxed in the form of retaliatory changes to their status, such as the loss of mandatory membership, dismissal of their leadership, or in the most extreme cases even imprisonment of organisations' leaders.
 - Another threat facing medical associations is restrictions on their ability to take collective action seriously restricting the ability to take industrial action.
 - Fair remuneration for medical professionals which would allow them to retain their independence.



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Digital Health

- Adopted agreement on European Health Data Space including many amendments proposed by CPME
- Lobbying on AI emphasising
 - human oversight
 - civil liability for AI (strict liability)
- Next steps: Deployment of AI in healthcare



EHDS Implementation Expectations

CPME on Electronic Health Record Systems:

- Must be designed in a user-friendly way, reducing current administrative work
- Must support trust, transparency and collaboration between patients and healthcare providers
- Avoid overloading doctors with information as it delays consultations.
- Take into account existing national access and coding protocols.
- Establish a formal communication network composed by doctors using EHR systems with IT academic competence per medical specialty to be consulted

Further information [here](#)

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Statement on Electronic Health Record Systems

Feasible, Functional, Findable

The ongoing technical developments and complex architecture of the EHR systems render difficult to predict its implementation and consequent day-to-day interaction with doctors and across the medical specialties.

As an association that represents direct users, CPME reaffirms the importance of being involved in the conception and design of the EHR system and the European Electronic Health Record Exchange Format (EEHREF).

European Doctors call your attention to the following key aspects for an effective electronic health record exchange:

1. The electronic health record (EHR) is an important clinical tool which needs to be efficient, structured, accurate, concise, complete to the extent possible, and validated by an identified registered healthcare professional with the appropriate competence.
2. The relevant fields in the electronic file are different for each professional and medical specialty, and those fields should be easily identified, found, selected, and sorted.
3. The EHR must be designed in a user-friendly way to support healthcare professionals in their tasks and reduce current administrative work. Accessing information should be straightforward and taking into account national access protocols. Retrieving and modifying information nationally should be through existing systems in place to limit disruption.

MAGAZINE FEBRUARY 2023

New CPME magazine looks at future of European health policy

- Including articles on
 - Independence of the medical profession
 - Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA)
 - Medical Chamber of Slovenia
 - European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
- Read the magazine [here](#)



AGENDA

Upcoming events

- 07/11/2024: CPME Members' Conference on "The European Doctor & Digital Health", Amsterdam
- 07-09/11/2024: CPME General Assembly, Amsterdam



Many thanks for your attention!

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