



AEMH Statement on accreditation of health care organisations

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Accreditation is a process of evaluation that can be performed by different techniques.

As part of a quality assurance approach, accreditation can help to reveal shortcomings in structures and procedures.

Accreditation must be assured by a medical body that is administratively and financially independent and comprises a majority of health care professionals.

Health care institutions, both public and private, are involved in different types of activity employing different categories of professionals working in the interest of patients' health and well-being. Each of them is convinced that they are acting with the greatest professional conscientiousness.

Yet, there are still some problems with procedures.

The AEMH holds the opinion that accreditation must not be confused with

any agreement resulting from a contract between any other organisation, e.g. health insurance, governmental agency.

any activity influencing allocation of resources.

The conclusions of an accreditation report may be made public, but are mainly used to rectify deficiencies.