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.
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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