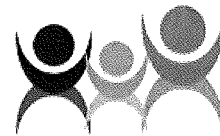




CPME STATEMENT OF JOINT PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE FUTURE COMMON WORK



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On 8 April 2008, in Brussels, CPME and EPF adopted the following document:

Statement of joint principles to guide future common work

EPF: The European Patients' Forum is the umbrella patients' organisation at EU level, bringing together a broad range of leading European and national patients' organisations in different disease areas. Representing 150 million patients throughout the EU, EPF is a key interlocutor with the European Institutions, promoting patients' rights, participation and involvement in EU healthcare developments. Our vision is patient-centred, equitable and high quality healthcare for all patients throughout the European Union.

CPME: The Standing Committee of European Doctors is the umbrella organisation representing about 2 million physicians through the National Medical Associations of the European Union / European Free Trade Area. Its aims are to represent the medical profession and to promote the highest standards of medical training and medical practice in order to achieve the highest quality of health care for all citizens of Europe.

- We acknowledge our common goal to achieve high quality, patient-centred, equitable health-care throughout the EU;
- We recognise our respective roles as umbrella representative organisations of physician and patient communities throughout the European Union;
- We welcome the constructive and strategic role both organisations can jointly play in harnessing the strength of that new relationship at all levels, which is also a pre-requisite to better health outcomes;

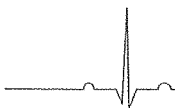


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- We acknowledge that the patient-doctor relationship will play a fundamental role in achieving this, regardless of developments around the informed patient, e-health and person-centred health services;

CPME and EPF hereby commit to engaging in regular dialogue. We will work together on common projects, and where possible and appropriate, joint positions and pro-active statements on EU health policy developments.

- Such projects will address issues such as 'information to patients', medical ethics, Information Communication Technology and health, continuous professional development, patient's empowerment and physician's autonomy all of which were identified by both EPF and CPME as significant areas where our joint work at EU level could make an impact.
- We have particular interest in the needs of under-represented groups, discrimination on the ground of health status, empowerment, consultation and consensus building, and transparency and accountability in health-care delivery.
- It is agreed that one such project should be launched in 2008 and a joint working group be set up to develop its objective, scope and outcomes.
- It is agreed that there will be occasions whereby it will not be possible to endorse a joint position. In such circumstances, both organisations commit to respect the views of the other party, and to ensure that this does not undermine the spirit or continued application of these joint principles.





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CPME/AD/consultation/140408/074/EN

On 14 April 2008, CPME adopted the following document: CPME Answer to the EMEA consultation regarding the proposed revision of the "Summary Product Characteristics guideline" (CPME 2008/074 EN)

Brussels, 14 April 2008

Dear Mr Blædel Lassen,

CPME would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the revision of the guideline on SPCs, also as member of the EMEA Healthcare Professionals Working Group.

CPME welcomes the proposed revision of the Summary Product Characteristics guideline.

Precise information on the use and effects of medicinal products in special patient groups, and the specific aspects that should be considered in these cases, serve patient safety and the effectiveness of medicinal treatments.

Any initiative to improve the clarity of the SPCs is highly welcome, being tabulated summaries a good example. This should favour the functioning of the daily medical practices, and at the same time, the empowerment of an informed patient.

The patient-doctor relationship in information is fundamental. The starting point for all exchange of information is the peer to peer dialogue with the patient. In this framework of the patient-doctor conversation, information to support the dialogue is also provided such as medical advice on the product prescribed.

CPME therefore supports the proposed revision of the SPCs guideline as it aims to provide further clarification, and ultimately, to improve patient safety.

Sincerely yours,

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CPME Secretary General