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## Message from the CPME President:



Welcome to the 5th edition of the CPME Newsletter which brings you news on this autumn's activities. This edition is indicative of the wide range of subjects that CPME is currently shaping at policy level: standardisation, professional qualifications, data protection and tobacco being just a few.

We are pleased to welcome a guest article from the European Commission who offers an update on the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing. We would like to thank them for their valuable contribution.

CPME also continued its cooperation with Medecins du Monde in solidarity with undocumented migrants, emphasizing their right to access adequate healthcare services. Medecins du Monde also provide an overview of the action taken in an article in the present edition, which we would like to thank them for.

It is my hope that this autumn issue is informative and brings the interesting updates with news from the EU level. I encourage you to give us feedback on these important topics.

Yours sincerely,  
Dr Konstanty Radziwiłł  
CPME President

## Amending the Professional Qualifications Directive – CPME contributes to the debate



Following the publication of the draft report and opinions by the European Parliament's committees (IMCO, ENVI and EMPL), the CPME Working Group on Professional Qualifications has discussed a response. In a Working Group meeting in September, the amendments proposed by the European Parliament's Rapporteurs (in particular by [MEP Bernadette Vergnaud](#) (S&D, FR) – IMCO and [MEP Anja Weisgerber](#) (EPP, DE) – ENVI) were considered in detail to consolidate the CPME position. The provisions on the minimum duration of basic medical training is central to the on-going debate. In order to reaffirm CPME's position on the issues of greatest importance to the medical profession and to ensure that the future legislative framework provides the best possible framework for professional

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mobility, high quality medical qualifications and patient safety, CPME has adopted the [CPME Statement on the proposal for a Directive amending Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications](#). CPME looks forward to the next phase of negotiations and is committed to making the voice of European doctors heard.

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## The Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing draws impressive support from stakeholders

Paola TESTORI COGGI, Director General of the European Commission Directorate-General for Health and Consumers, highlights the latest developments of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing.



The European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (the Partnership) has passed a major test with flying colours. Last June, the Partnership's invitation for commitments resulted in a massive 261 commitments for action. Many of them were submitted by

universities and research groups, national and regional public authorities as well as health providers, in partnership with advocacy organisations and patient groups. In addition, 54 regions applied to become "reference sites", and share knowledge and good practice in the area of ageing.

The Partnership has now progressed from the planning phase to implementation. The vast majority of those who responded to the invitation for commitments have been included in the six Partnership's action groups and have started working on plans for the implementation of their specific actions. The next milestone on the horizon is the Conference of Interested Partners, which will take place on November 6th in Brussels. At this conference the six action plans will be presented to the Commission and the rest of the Partnership's community.

Since the Partnership began, over two years ago, we have been able to rely on the CPME for their support and hard work, which has undoubtedly contributed to the Partnership's success to date.

We thank them and will continue to look to them for their valuable advice and expertise, particularly in the field of early diagnosis of functional decline and frailty.

*Paola TESTORI COGGI*  
Director General  
DG Health and Consumers



## Data protection: confidentiality and quality of healthcare at stake



CPME is closely monitoring the current revision of the Data protection legal framework at European level, to ensure highest level of data protection, secured and consented cross-border transfers of data, which does not impede continuity of healthcare.

The patient-doctor relationship is built on the premise of confidentiality and trust, which is why it is of great importance to introduce the highest level of protection for the treatment, storage and transmission of citizens' data, particularly those relating to health and medical data. Therefore, all data contained in medical records, such as genetic data, should be considered to be particularly sensitive data and must be afforded the highest possible level of protection

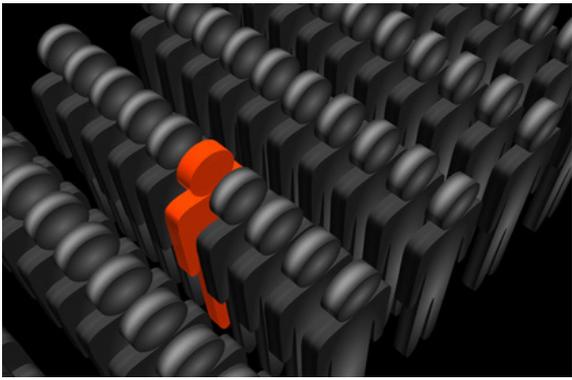
The cross-border transmission of patient information provided for in the draft legislation should be guaranteed the highest level of protection. Explicit consent should be given by the patient prior to any transfer. As regards the collecting and sharing of patient information in support of healthcare within a defined healthcare team, implied (verbal) consent should be equally acceptable as written consent.

While understanding the need of the "right to be forgotten" for the data subjects as to certain business models, CPME strongly believes that healthcare data should be stored, with the appropriate security standards, in order to support future patient's safety and also allow proving the medical treatments and decisions made by any European physicians, with the highest degree of legal certainty and accountability.

Finally, Small and medium sized (SME) medical entities represent a significant part of European medical practices. The creation of an independent "data protection officer" would impose high administrative and economic burdens on doctors. Before any legislative act is adopted, the impact of such a measure must be reassessed.

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# CPME reaffirms its concerns on standardisation of healthcare services



Having adopted the [CPME position on the legislative proposal for a Regulation on European Standardisation](#) in November 2011, CPME has been involved in numerous activities over the past months, to represent the doctor's point of view in the on-going policy debate. CPME's opposition to the standardisation of healthcare services through standardisation bodies was subject of a series of meetings with the EU institutions, as well as an [opinion piece](#) published on the news site [www.euractiv.com](#). While the decision-making process for the Regulation on European Standardisation is nearing its final stages, the issue remains a topical one. CPME shall be keeping the topic high on its agenda and continuing the discussion, i.a. in the context of a meeting hosted by the European Accreditation Network of the European Society for Quality in Healthcare in Durham on 24 – 25.09.2012.

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# New Spanish law destroys public healthcare system

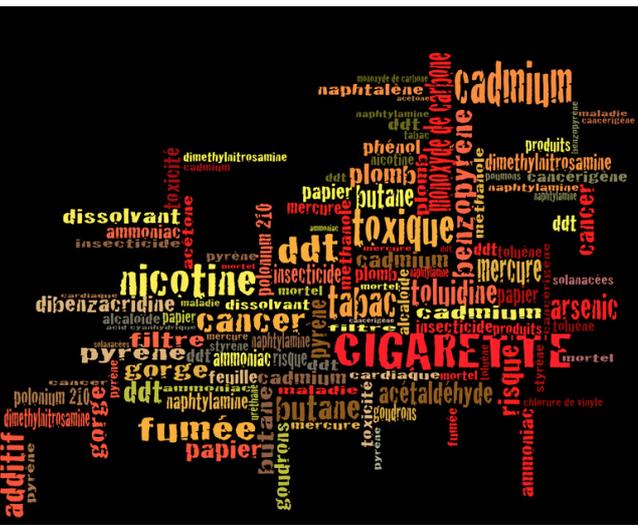


Despite vigorous protests from the Spanish [Defensor del Pueblo](#), the [UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights](#) and numerous civil society actors, Spain excludes adult undocumented migrants (including the chronically and or severely ill) from public healthcare as from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2012. At regional level, weeks after coming into effect, there is still confusion, contradicting communication and great regional diversity on how to implement the law, adding further stress to vulnerable groups. With this new measure, Spain loses its position in the vanguard of EU member States that guarantee universal healthcare. Whilst the go-

vernment argues it to be an urgent austerity measure to guarantee the sustainability of the national health system, this measure is counterproductive. Indirect costs will rise through aggravation and chronification of pathologies, delayed treatment, jamming of emergency services and inefficient public health policy. Furthermore, restrictive health policy measures are proven not to impact migration flows in any significant way. Finally, the reform creates ethical dilemmas for health care professionals who – according to their professional ethic – deliver care without any consideration of nationality, ethnic origin or social standing. For all these reasons, Doctors of the World opposes the reform in an open letter to the Spanish minister of health and in a video with health professionals' testimonials. The CPME strongly supports their petition, see [www.derechoacurar.org](#).

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# Publication of Amendment to Tobacco Products Directive Awaited Amid Industry Protests



In the final stages ahead of the publication of the long-awaited proposal amending the Tobacco Products Directive 2001/37/EC, CPME has joined the health community to counteract tobacco industry protests and underline the urgent need and legitimacy for more stringent regulations on the manufacture, presentation, marketing and sale of tobacco products. CPME has called on the Commission to demonstrate its political will to roll back tobacco-related harm by resisting the tobacco industry's pressure and adopting a proposal which puts the health of citizens first. The proposal, which is currently undergoing the inter-service consultation preceding the Commission's adoption of a proposal for new legislation, is reported to be published in November 2012.

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# EU Events

Dr Konstanty Radziwiłł addressed the topic of elderly care during the Cyprus Presidency High Level conference on *Healthy Ageing Across the Lifecycle*, 5-7 September 2012 in Nicosia, Cyprus. His presentation can be accessed [here](#).

Dr Konstanty Radziwiłł also addressed the WHO Regional Committee for Europe in Malta, 10-13 September 2012 stressing the importance of childhood immunisation.

Dr Katrín Fjeldsted, CPME President-elect addressed on 26 June 2012 the topic of oral health during a conference at the European Parliament. She emphasized the need for stronger support of oral health at policy level as well as the importance of health literacy regarding oral health. The full report can be found [here](#).

**EUROPEAN ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS DAY**

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## International Research on Financing Quality in Healthcare - CPME looks forward to the second half of the InterQuality project

'Spend not more, but smarter!' – in times of budgetary restraint, this motto is all the more relevant to policy-makers across Europe. The InterQuality project (International Research on Financing Quality in Healthcare), co-financed by the European Commission's Framework Programme 7, looks to establish recommendations for efficient financing models which ensure that improving quality of care remains the driving force behind policy-decisions.

Led by the Medical University of Warsaw, the project consortium comprises the Hannover Medical School, the University of Southern Denmark, the University of Catania, the Urban Institute Washington, the University of York, Sopharm Sp.z o.o., the European Patients' Forum and CPME.

The research revolves around the focal areas of pharmaceutical care, hospital care, outpatient care and integrated healthcare with the objective of identifying good practices in financing each care setting. [CPME is involved](#) in all Work Packages, with a majority of collaborative work in Work Package 7 on 'Dissemination'. This Work Package comprises both the communication of project objectives and outputs as well as the establishment of guidelines on good practices in communicating healthcare reforms, for which CPME is taking a leading role.

The 18-month project has now entered into its second half and is moving towards its empirical phase. While the first half was dedicated to establishing values, incentives and benefits related to payment and financing systems, this knowledge shall now be

applied to the focal areas of research.

The findings shall be published in individual reports in mid-2013. For regular up-dates, please visit [www.interqualityproject.eu](http://www.interqualityproject.eu) and subscribe to the project newsletter.

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## European Patient Safety project gathering full speed

The Patient Safety and Quality of Care Joint



Action bringing together member states as well as health care stakeholders kicked off in May 2012 with a consortium meeting in Roskilde, Denmark.

During the summer months work package leaders and their partners started to work at full speed. One example is the ongoing task of selecting and exchanging safe clinical practices that fulfill certain criteria such as :

- Demonstrated effectiveness
- Transferability
- Feasibility
- Implementation tools
- Patient involvement

Several CPME experts are contributing to the collection and analysis of safe clinical practices and cooperate with other partners involved.

At the beginning of October, a meeting will be held in Madrid where progress will be reported and first preliminary results presented.

CPME strongly supports the project as patient safety is at the cornerstone of the medical practice and thus underpins trust within the patient - doctor relationship.

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## Guest commentary:

CPME values your feedback! Feel free to leave us a message by [clicking here](#) or by simply [contacting us](#).

The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) aims to promote the highest standards of medical training and medical practice in order to achieve the highest quality of health care for all patients in Europe.

CPME is also concerned with the promotion of public health, the relationship between patients and doctors and the free movement of doctors within the European Union.

CPME represents the National Medical Associations of 27 countries in Europe and works closely with the National Medical Associations of countries that have applied for EU membership as well as specialized European medical associations.

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## NEW CPME WEBSITE

CPME is happy to launch today, 28 September its new website featuring more prominently CPME policies and activities: [www.cpme.eu](http://www.cpme.eu).

The screenshot shows the CPME website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for Home, About, Policies, Activities, Publications, Members Section, and Contact. Below this is a 'WELCOME' section featuring a portrait of the CPME President and a brief description of the organization's mission. The 'LATEST NEWS' section contains three articles: 'PaSQ', 'Prevention of Antimicrobial Resistant Infections in the Hospital Settings of Europe (Case study on methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA))', and 'UNRRA jobs opening'. At the bottom, there are sections for 'RECENT POSTS', 'TWITTER', 'NEWSLETTER', and 'CPME SECRETARIAT'.

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