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Where Do Physicians Stand?

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The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) represents national medical associations across Europe. We are committed to contributing the medical profession's point of view to EU and European policy-making through pro-active cooperation on a wide range of health and healthcare related issues.

Our mission

- *Founded in 1959, CPME has been promoting for more than half a century the highest standards of medical training and medical practice in order to achieve the highest quality of healthcare for all patients in Europe.*

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

Acknowledgements

- *Cooperation between the industry and the medical profession is essential for research*
- *Conflicts of interest should not jeopardize patients' safety*
- *Hipocratic Oath: the best for my patient*

What a doctor should ask him/herself

- *What is the purpose of the industry offer?*
- *Will this hinder my autonomy?*
- *What would my patients and colleagues think about this arrangement?*

Guidelines

- *WMA Statement concerning the Relationship between Physicians and Commercial Enterprises (2004)*
- *CPME-EFPIA Joint declaration on the cooperation between the medical profession and the pharmaceutical industry (2005)*

Denmark

- *Transparency register*
- *Prior authorisation*
- *End 2014: will encompass all medical industries*

The Netherlands

- *Transparency Code (Dutch Medical Association)*
- *Transparency Register Foundation*
- *2014: will include veterinarians and veterinary commercial companies*

The United Kingdom

- *Transparency regulated by law, healthcare professional codes and standards; ABPI and ABHI Codes*

- *Self-regulatory system is envisaged (ESHLSG public consultation)*

Austria

- *2005: Code of Conduct by the Austrian Medical Chamber*
- *Legally binding*
- *Austrian Medical Chamber competent to investigate and penalize*

Future CPME guidelines?

- *Transparency exercices should not become a pretext to legitimise automatically such transactions or to waive responsibility from both parties*
- *Should not add additional burden to practitioners*
- *We should always ask ourselves: what type of transparency do we want? How do we want to reach it? Who should be targeted?*

Thank you for your attention !

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