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‘Health as Human Capital’?

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Introducing CPME

- The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) represents national medical associations across Europe.
- We believe the best possible quality of health and access to healthcare should be a reality for everyone.
- To achieve this, CPME promotes the highest level of medical training and practice, the safe mobility of doctors and patients, lawful and supportive working conditions for doctors and the provision of evidence-based, ethical and equitable healthcare services.



Introducing CPME

- 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.
- We strongly advocate a 'health in all policies' approach to encourage cross-sectoral awareness for and action on the determinants of health, to prevent disease and promote good health across society.



CPME activities

- CPME is involved in policies and projects on
 - Professional practice
 - Pharmaceutical policy
 - Public Health
 - Patient Safety and Quality of Care
 - Ethics
 - eHealth
 - ...



CPME activities

- Policy area 'Professional practice' includes:
 - New Professional Qualifications Directive
 - Joint Action on Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting
 - Study reviewing and mapping of continuous professional development and lifelong learning for health professionals in the EU



Medical practice in a changing environment

- Evolving medical training & practice
- Evolving health technologies
- Evolving healthcare systems
- Evolving patient roles
- Evolving professional regulation



Evolving medical training & practice

- Changing requirements for basic medical training
- Continuous professional development in context of Professional Qualifications Directive
- Working conditions



Evolving health technologies

- Developments in pharmaceutical care
- Remote provision of healthcare services through telemedicine and eHealth technologies
- Developments in regulation of medical devices



Evolving healthcare systems

- Health workforce dynamics
- Cost-effectiveness drives
- Patient mobility



Evolving patient roles

- Patient empowerment
- Health literacy
- Self-management of diseases



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Evolving professional regulation

- Shifting regulatory approaches
- Challenges to professional autonomy



Future challenges

- Standardisation initiatives
- Impact of economic crisis
- Cross-border healthcare services



Conclusions

- Doctors continue to advocate the importance of investing in health and the health workforce.
- Policy decisions must keep the improvement of health at their heart and involve both patients and doctors.