



EU Health Policy Platform Thematic Network on Medical Education and Professional Development for Patient Safety

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Introduction

- Network leader: European Society of Radiology (ESR)
- Medical education and CPD central to quality of care and patient safety
- Informed patients contribute to better coordinated treatments
- Patients' perspective too often overlooked in education
- EU initiatives in medical education needed to benefit patients and healthcare professionals



Education, digital tools, eHealth

- Benefits of applying digital innovation underappreciated in medical education
- Difficulties for healthcare professionals to keep track of rapid digital innovation and growing amount of information
- Call for EU policy to maximise educational benefits of digital tools and encourage uptake in daily practice
- Call for regular exchanges to guarantee integration of digital tools in education

Education and patient safety

- EU and Member States' legal, regulatory, educational frameworks not sufficiently aligned to adequately address patient safety concerns
- Patient safety education should go beyond mere avoidance of medical errors with a renewed emphasis on patient safety culture
- Embedding patient safety as cross-cutting issue throughout medical education and CPD
- Integrating regulatory and practical aspects of patient safety in education for a patient-centred outcome



Health professional-patient relationship

- Social and communication skills underrepresented in healthcare professionals' education and training schemes
- Positive impact of practitioner-patient interaction and patient involvement in health outcome
- Call to include interpersonal, intercultural and communication skills in medical education throughout EU
- Establishing principle and practice of 'patient empowerment' in medical education

Harmonisation and cross-border mobility

- Cross-border healthcare and policy developments require equivalence in levels of education and qualification across Europe
- CPD system to result in consistent standards, enhanced mobility of professionals and patient rights in cross-border healthcare
- Call for EU initiatives to harmonise medical curricula, establish CPD systems and CME standards and streamline the recognition of qualifications



Coordination

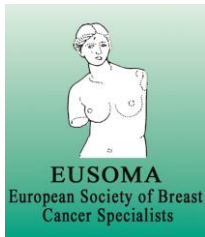
- Different regulatory and healthcare systems across EU necessitate coordinated approach
- Improving education and training to benefit quality of care, patient safety and health outcomes
- EU institutions to develop recommendations, facilitate exchange of information and improve implementation
- Enhancing data collection and sharing to streamline information on medical education

Recap

- Maximising educational benefits of digital tools for patient safety
- Patient safety to be cross-cutting issue throughout medical education
- Integrating patient empowerment and personal skills in medical education
- Initiatives harmonising medical curricula, establishing CPD standards and streamlining recognition of qualifications
- Enhancing EU coordination for the benefit of patient safety and quality of care



Endorsements – Thank You!





Discussion and Q&A

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