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Electronic Identity Systems for Physicians: The CPME eID Policy

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



CPME general views on eHealth

- Increased use of eHealth tools = changing environment in the healthcare sector.
- Potential benefits of eHealth:
 - Access to remote or under serviced areas
 - Patients' empowerment, eg. for patients with chronic or rare conditions
 - Reduction of waiting times for medical procedures
 - Working conditions = facilitation of the physicians' daily work, greater mobility of physicians
 - Efficiency, eg. reduction of duplication of tests and procedures



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CPME activities in the field of eHealth

- General Data Protection Regulation COM(2012)0011 – Implication for eHealth
- Mass surveillance programs – Professional secrecy at stake
- eHealth Governance Initiative
- eHealth Stakeholders Group
- mHealth green paper (9th April 2014) – public consultation



CPME Policy Agreement on an electronic ID for physicians:

- There is still no European legislation on electronic identities for physicians
- The variety of eID systems already existing in the Member States prevents a cross-border interoperability



- CPME eID Policy adopted on 23 November 2013: *“Ensuring the secure use of telemedicine and e-health applications in an integrated Europe – Towards a Common Policy Agreement on Electronic ID Systems for Physicians”*



The Policy

- intends to define minimum security standards and build mutual trust between the Member States and their respective eID systems
- is a voluntary, bottom-up approach intended to coordinate rather than harmonise national standards
- aims at establishing confidence in electronic identities for physicians across Europe by defining minimum organisational and technical standards



- to be achieved if national issuing authorities adhere to the organisational and technical standards regarding the production and issuance of the eID



- to enable physicians, hospitals, patients and e-health services to be certain that they are dealing with an instrument and an infrastructure which they can trust
- to authenticate medical documents (EHRs, e-prescriptions etc.)
- to ease (and not replace) process of recognition of qualification



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CPME Policy implementation:

The German Medical Association and the Polish Chamber of Physicians and Dentists already declared that they uphold the policy



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Thank you for your attention!

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