



European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products

Dissemination of information

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- **Dissemination of information identified as a priority at the May 2002 patients' meeting**
- **What do we actually mean by this?**
- **More and better information from EMEA?**
- **Improved access to information through more accessible channels?**



Current EMEA information

- **Published documents fall in 3 main categories:**
 - **Information on medicines** (European public assessment reports or 'EPARs', summaries of opinions of EMEA committees, etc)
 - **Regulatory guidance** (guidelines on quality, safety and efficacy, etc)
 - **General information** (annual reports, work programmes, etc)
- **Conferences and meetings with interested parties**



Current dissemination tools

- www.emea.eu.int web site is our main tool
- Web site has about 18,000 documents
- Web site currently under re-development
- Other tools:
 - Document service (EMEArequests@emea.eu.int)
 - Subscription service (*discontinued – but will be replaced by e-mail system*)
 - Mailings to 'relay' dissemination points (regulatory authorities, patient groups, trade associations, etc)



Questions on EMEA information

- **What changes are needed to current information documents?**
- **What other information would you like the EMEA to provide?**
- **Are you getting enough information at the right time?**



Questions on EMEA tools

- **What improvements would you like to see to EMEA web site?**
- **What other dissemination channels could be used?**
 - Would you be prepared to be a relay point?
- **Should information be given a higher priority by the Agency?**
- **How should these activities be funded?**