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What is ECPM ?

ECPM is an European Federation of 35 Medical Doctors Associations with 52.000 members practising Complementary and Alternative Medicines (CAM).

ECPM count among his members National associations of Homeopathy, Anthroposophic Medicine and Naturopathy.

All physician members of these associations use Homeopathic and Anthroposophic medicines.

Corresponding members :

Manufacturers associations

Patients associations

The Aim of ECPM



- To promote plurality in medicine at EU level
- To promote free CAM practises and patients free choices.
- To communicate with EU Politicians and Representatives of Health Authorities and Agencies at international level.
- To make sure that medicinal products prescribed by CAM are available on the market.
- To participate in adequate evaluation of CAM practises and of CAM medicinal products.
- To promote quality education and training for CAM physicians.
- To make available to physicians and patients all needed information to make well informed choices.



Free choice and good patient care

- For good patient care, for good practise of Homeopathy and to guarantee patients free choice, all homeopathic medicinal products (including anthroposophical medicinal products manufactured by a homeopathic pharmacopoeial procedure) must be available on the European market.
- All galenic forms (drops, pills, eyedrops, suppositories, injectables in particular...) must remain free for prescription by all physicians, and available on the European market for patients.
- Homeopathic medicinal products without toxicity risk in higher dilution than D4 must have the advantage of simplified registration procedure (about 2000 medicinal products)



Quality – Safety – Effectiveness

- **Quality** of homeopathic and Anthroposophic medicinal products (the traceability : the source of the medicine, the mode of preparation) doesn't depend on physicians neither of doctors associations but it depends of the manufacturers competence.

Manufacturers have to informed about quality.



Quality – Safety – Effectiveness

- **Safety** of homeopathic medicinal products is shown in facts on the one hand by more than 200 years of use without accident and on the other hand by the high dilutions of substances. Doctors in medicine know well the use of allopathic medicines... which all have side effects ! So in consequence low dilution (under D4) of homeopathic medicines must be available for prescription by physicians after simplified registration procedure.
- **Viral and Prion Safety :**
High potencies of nosodes and biological homeopathic medicinal products are safe : they contain NO molecules. So too much strict requirements for high potencies are unjustified. They must remain free for prescriptions by physicians.



Quality – Safety – Effectiveness

- **Effectiveness** of homeopathic and anthroposophic medicinal products only can be proved scientifically by clinical research. It concerns all physicians and all patients.

That involves consequently that the European Commission foresee in the European Research Programme (FP7 Framework Programme) an adequate place for clinical experimentation of Homeopathy and Anthroposophic Medicine.

Conclusion



Because national interpretations of the EU Directives 2001/83 and 2004/27 are very different from country to country. So a pragmatic European Pharmacopoeia is very important to guarantee patients free choice and plurality in medicine.

If choice determination between French and German Pharmacopoeias is impossible, an harmonizing of both Pharmacopoeias seems the best way.

For future of Homeopathy, It is necessary to respect the different historical schools : unisism, pluralism and complexism.

It is also necessary :

- to foresee the possibility to create new medicinal products (that is almost impossible nowadays)
- to guarantee for the future Magistral and Officinal preparations (for homeopathic medicinal products which are not manufactured any more by producers for only economical reasons)

Many thanks to EMEA for the interest it carries to Homeopathy and Anthroposophic Medicine.

It is necessary that exchanges of information between the different interested parts - Patients Associations, Doctors Associations, Manufacturers, European Commission and National Authorities - continue to promote a Homeopathic practise of quality in the future.