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

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Introduction

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• 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 apsects 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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