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The European Doctors (CPME) represent national medical associations across 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.

CPME statement on administrative fines against doctors

CPME takes note of the introduction and subsequent repeal of Norwegian provisions allowing for administrative fines against physicians who write "Blue prescriptions" in cases that do not merit this scheme.

CPME is concerned about the introduction of a culture of blame in health services.

CPME also underlines the obligation of respecting medical confidentiality and opposes access for non-medical persons to medical records for the purposes of administrative control.

CPME warns against governmental action that undermines the efficiency of health services and social security systems by relying excessively on sanctions against individuals.

While recognising that doctors who abuse the trust of society should be sanctioned, European doctors underline that sanctions must be proportionate.

Rather than systems based on sanctions and fines against individual doctors, European doctors argue for systems based on trust and that appropriate guidance is provided for physicians who act in violation of administrative guidelines.

This approach would allow for learning, and ultimately promote cost effectiveness in health systems.