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European Immunisation Week 2015 – European doctors will continue to strive for a measles-free Europe!

“We cannot give up the fight to eradicate measles in Europe. Vaccinations against measles are safe, effective and cheap – in contrast, the human suffering and economic cost of measles is immense and unnecessary. European doctors will continue to strive for a measles-free Europe. “

CPME President, Dr Katrín Fjeldsted

The tragic consequences of recent measles outbreaks have been a sad reminder of the urgency for effective action. On the occasion of European Immunisation Week 2015, CPME reaffirms its commitment to promoting childhood vaccinations and working towards a measles-free Europe.

Doctors recognise the important role they have in providing evidence-based information to parents about vaccines and ensuring that vaccinations are accessible to every patient. CPME is committed to supporting doctors and national medical associations in these tasks.

European doctors will promote a policy framework that enables equitable access to safe vaccines for every child. For the most vulnerable, such as children of undocumented migrants or those living in poverty, it is essential to create a genuine opportunity to have access to vaccines.

CPME will also continue to facilitate an exchange of good practice and disseminate innovative approaches in implementing national immunisation schedules, e.g. with the help of new technologies such as phone apps.

CPME therefore reaffirms doctors' commitment to achieving a measles-free Europe and hopes for meaningful progress towards this aim.

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