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European doctors' perspective on AI implementation in health care

“We call on policymakers to include CPME in the relevant advisory bodies at EU level and national medical associations at national level” says Prof. Dr Frank Ulrich Montgomery, President of the Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME). “To implement AI with proven benefits for health care can only work if the doctors’ perspective is integrated in its design and development. Also, the professional oversight over AI clinical validation and usefulness must be ensured, once AI applied in health care delivery.”

The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) adopted its **position** on AI in health care on 16 November 2019.

European doctors recognise the impact of the digital transformation on medical practice and the potential of AI to become a unique instrument in this set of emerging health care tools. However, its confident and effective use depends on understanding its advantages and limitations. We therefore believe that AI systems should be part of basic medical education and continuing medical education.

We also believe that it is important to base AI development in health care on robust evidence; its use must be accountable, non-discriminatory and respect patients’ privacy. Although we recognise the efforts made by the EU on AI so far, we call on the European Commission to put greater emphasis on the trustworthiness and safety of AI applications in health care and to better engage health care professionals in its work.

Furthermore, we endorse a conceptualisation of artificial intelligence that is intended to coexist and support doctors. Therefore, European doctors endorse the term “augmented intelligence” as it more accurately reflects the scope of support and enhancement of the physicians’ expertise, rather than the replacement of this.

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