13. Vitamin deficiency – with the exception of the vitamines A, D, K.

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#### 12.19 Motion concerning) Diagnostic Related Groups

Adopted, April 1996 (CP 96/069)

The introduction of classification systems for Diagnostic Related Groups (DRG) being used to regulate the payment of hospitals services gravely concerns the CP because of the consequences which can arise.

The DRG system ist originally a tool of tarification. It cannot become a criterion to judge of the opportunity and of the quality of health care.

The CP states that the application of DRGs should not limit the freedom and the autonomy of the doctor in the choice of the means of diagnostic and therapy and that it should not generate negative consequences on the quality of health care.

# 12.20 CP Motion on Blood Alcohol Levels and Road Safety

#### Adopted at Athens, November 1997 (CP 97/091 Final)

The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CP) supports moves to reduce road accidents and increase driving safety across the European Union by reducing the permitted blood alcohol concentration in drivers to a maximum of 50 mg per 100 ml. We call on the Council of Ministers and the European Commission to introduce legislation to this effect, and offer our full support in bringing this about.

Alcohol and driving do not mix.

#### 12.21 Motion on CFK-free aerosol

Adopted, November 1996 (CP 96/148 Rev. 1)

The Heads of Delegation of the Standing Committee

of European Doctors, meeting in Athens, on November 1996, and acting at the suggestion of the CP Subcommittees in Preventive Medicine and Environment and Organisation of Health Care, Social Security, Health Economics and Pharmaceutical Industries.

Noting that CFK-free aerosols are now admitted and available in the European Union,

Recommend that Physicians of the European Union should prescribe, if medically possible, medication containing a propellant that has demonstrated not to be harmful to the Environment.

Urge the pharmaceutical Industry to banish CFK's and to replace it by propellant that have demonstrated not to be harmful to the Environment.

# 12.22 European Health Card

(CP 98/021 Final – available on CP website or from Secretariat)

### 12.23 Generics, Substitution

(CP 1999/043 – available on CP website or from Secretariat)

## 12.24 Conditions of Practice for Doctors Caring for Drug Addicts

(CP 1999/002 Final – available on CP website or from Secretariat)

# 12.25 Motion on the proposal for a directive on advertising and sponsorship of tobacco products

(CP 98/053)

The Standing Committee of European Doctors during the meeting of its Board on 4 April 1998, decided to strongly support the common position adopted by the Council of Ministers with a view to adopt a directive on advertising and sponsorship of tobacco products as well as the recommendation of Pr Cabrol, rapporteur from the European Parliament on this legislative proposal.

Moreover, on this occasion, the Standing Committee of European Doctors underlined the fact that doctors should show the example and stop smoking.