

The Council of Europe and its European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines and HealthCare at a Glance

Webinar

*Resolution on the implementation of
pharmaceutical care:*

A step forward in the promotion of pharmaceutical care in Europe

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Council of Europe (1)

Founded in 1949

The oldest pan-European organisation

47 member countries > 830 million Europeans

Headquarters in Strasbourg (France)

Core values: Promotes democracy
Protects the rule of law
Protects human rights \Rightarrow equal
access to high quality medicines
and healthcare



Council of Europe (2)



Council of Europe

is NOT



European Union (EU)

International intergovernmental organisation

47 countries

Initiatives often take the form of conventions, resolutions and recommendations addressed to member states

Unique economic and political partnership

27 countries

Member states have delegated some of their sovereignty so that decisions on specific matters can be made democratically at European level

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European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines and HealthCare (EDQM) (1)

- ✓ A Council of Europe's Directorate
- ✓ Activities based on the Convention on the Elaboration of a European Pharmacopoeia (1964)



- ✓ Leader in protecting public health by enabling the development, supporting the implementation and monitoring the application of quality standards for safe medicines and their safe use
- ✓ Mission: contribute to the **basic human right of access to good quality medicines and healthcare** and to promote and protect human and animal health

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EDQM (2)

Member and observer states of the Ph. Eur. (2020)



Members: 39 countries and European Union

Observers: 28 countries, Taiwan Food and Drug Administration, and World Health Organization

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Committee of Experts on Quality and Safety Standards for Pharmaceutical Practices and Pharmaceutical Care (CD-P-PH/PC)

- ✓ **Mission:** standard setting in the domain of safe and appropriate use of medicines in hospital and community pharmacy settings
- ✓ **2 main focus areas:**
 - Pharmaceutical practices: operational/ technical activities (Resolution CM/Res(2016)2 on Good **Reconstitution** Practices in Health Care Establishments for Medicinal Products for Parenteral Use and Guidelines for Best Practices for **Automated Dose Dispensing**)
 - Pharmaceutical care (PC): activities related to **clinical pharmacy** practice (e.g. PC quality indicators; pharmaceutical care resolution)
- ✓ **Members:** representatives from competent health authorities of states parties to the Convention on the Elaboration of a European Pharmacopoeia (Ph. Eur.)
- ✓ EDQM is responsible for the **Secretariat** of the CD-P-PH/PC



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