



EUROPEAN REGION

**World Confederation  
for Physical Therapy**

**Memorandum of Understanding between the  
European Region of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy /  
Physiotherapy (ER-WCPT)  
and the  
Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME)**

ER-WCPT and CPME affirm their commitment to working towards high quality health and healthcare for every patient in Europe. With this Memorandum of Understanding both partners endorse their shared understanding of the importance of promoting these objectives in all policies.

ER-WCPT and CPME commit to working in partnership and co-operation on the following topics:

**Patients' rights:**

- The partners will continue to use their voice to defend the right of every patient to access the highest possible quality of preventative and curative healthcare across the EU.
- The partners confirm that treatment and health technologies should enshrine a sound independent evidence-based health care.
- Trust and confidentiality, as well as information and consent, must be at the heart of all patient care. The partners commit to ensuring patient data is protected.

**Professional practice:**

- The partners commit to safeguarding the independence of their professions for the benefit of patient safety and quality of healthcare. The partners also underline their commitment to safeguarding the professional obligation to comply with ethical codes and the fundamental principle of medical neutrality.
- The partners call for the establishment and maintenance of regulatory frameworks which support self-regulation and allow for professional autonomy, balanced by professional responsibility, to be exercised.
- The partners shall co-operate in promoting legal clarity for professional mobility in the EU.

# Memorandum of Understanding between Doctors and Physiotherapists

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- Working conditions for physiotherapists and physicians in all Member States must be lawful and safe. The partners shall co-operate in calling for the implementation of EU legislation and the exchange of best practice in order to promote workforce recruitment and retention.
- The partners agree that education and training is pivotal to high quality healthcare and must be supported at all levels in line with the scientific, professional and technological progress.

## Healthcare:

- Patient safety and patient confidentiality: The partners commit to promoting patient safety and patient confidentiality in all policy areas, including professional practice and data protection.
- Health literacy: The partners will underline the need for the promotion of health literacy, to facilitate the meaningful empowerment of patients, to support the prevention of ill health and to aid the dissemination of evidence-based health information.
- Promoting wellness: The partners confirm that promoting activity and well-being are key to a healthy population.
- Prevention: The partners commit to promoting high quality education and research to ensure best practice in the field of prevention and reduction of co-morbidities.

## Education and CPD:

- The partners agree that education and training is pivotal to high quality healthcare and must be supported at all levels in line with the scientific, professional and technological progress and CPD.
- The education should meet the future societal needs for physiotherapy and physicians in order to improve health of the population. CPD is needed and aims to enhance the quality of the service that patients and clients receive whilst striving for professional excellence and ensuring safety to the public.

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