

## **E.A.N.A.**

EUROPÄISCHE ARBEITSGEMEINSCHAFT DER NIEDERGELASSENEN ÄRZTE  
EUROPEAN WORKING GROUP OF PRACTITIONERS AND SPECIALISTS IN FREE PRACTICE  
GROUPEMENT EUROPÉEN DES MÉDICINS EN PRATIQUE LIBRE

European doctors of EANA define the liberal medical practice as:

- Professional independence
- Clinical autonomy based on knowledge and experience
- Independence from undue political, financial or other constraints
- Direct responsibility for the patient
- Patient is free to choose their doctor
- Safeguarding of the doctor/patient relationship.

Other fundamental elements of the liberal practice are:

- Medical services personally rendered by the doctor
- Freedom to enter contractual arrangements
- Economic independence
- Freedom to determine services and prices
- Freedom to undertake entrepreneurial risk
- Responsibility of data in eHealth
- Responsibility of quality assurance and liability
- Responsibility to maintain professional competence (CME/CPD)

In order to guarantee optimum patient orientated healthcare provided by doctors in free/independent/liberal practice in Europe, it is necessary to guarantee professional development, especially continuous medical education (CME/CPD).

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