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## EANA position on prescribing of medication

EANA note an increasing trend towards the prescribing of medication by non medical health care personnel throughout Europe

EANA further note the trend towards task shifting and cost reduction in health care.

EANA acknowledge the progress and benefits of pharmaceutical medicine to patients.

EANA affirm our position that the prescribing of medicines and tests must be preceded by patient history, examination and diagnosis by a physician and that that prescription requires ongoing review based on disease progression and prescription efficacy.

EANA have concerns regarding trends towards consumerism in health care. We do not consider this to be in the best long term interest of patient care.

EANA uphold the principles of patient (doctor) preference and continuity of care, and confirm our commitment to Continuous medical education/Continuous professional development (CME/CPD).

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