The View of Allied Healthcare Professionals
- the hospital pharmacist perspective

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Who are we?

- European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP)
- Founded in 1972
- Represents 22,000 hospital pharmacists in 35 European countries

‘EAHP represents and develops the hospital pharmacy profession within Europe in order to ensure the continuous improvement of care and outcomes for patients in the hospital setting. This is achieved through science, research, education, practice, as well as sharing best-practice and responsibility with other healthcare professionals.’
EAHP’s goals

• To develop hospital pharmacy in order to promote the best and safest use of medicines and medical devices for the benefit of patients in Europe

• To create a platform for the education and training of hospital pharmacists to a level of specialisation and maintain continuing professional development (CPD)

• To uphold the interests and advance the position of European hospital pharmacists within the healthcare systems, the EU and national authorities
EAHP’s Educational activities

• Annual Congress
• Academy Seminars
• Synergy Masterclasses
• Open learning courses
Common Training Framework (CTF) for hospital pharmacy education in Europe

CTF: a legal tool to achieve automatic professional qualification recognition across the EU – meaning learning outcomes and competencies received in one European country are recognized throughout Europe.

An international agreement on competencies, knowledge, skills and attitudes required by the profession to deliver on the 44 European Statements of Hospital Pharmacy.

Framework developed by EAHP - 24 competencies, 87 knowledge and 136 behaviour competencies.
The European accreditation dilemma faced by hospital pharmacists

• Currently no European accreditation system for pharmacists
• EAHP is a provider of education (congress, academy seminar, etc.)
• Dependency on the American model (ACPE - Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education)

How can we continue to provide education and accredit European hospital pharmacists via a European system?
European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) – a solution for EAHP?

EACCME Benefits

• In line with EAHP’s mission and goals (‘EACCME aims at encouraging the highest standards in the development, delivery and harmonisation of CPD’)
• Recognition of credits in Europe, USA and Canada
• Accreditation for live educational events + e-learning

Further discussions are needed to determine if EACCME is a solution for EAHP.
Thank you very much for your attention!

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