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Patients' Manifesto



An important milestone

- Today we launch our Patients' Manifesto
- We call for your support
- 150 million patients, citizens and voters across the EU



New measures in 3 areas

- Equal and timely access to safe, effective diagnosis, treatments and support;
- Better information and resources for patients to be partners in determining their care;
- A patients' voice to be heard in Brussels and throughout the European Union.



Our Manifesto is needed now



- Patients have the right to be fully informed about health issues and the responsibility to manage their health
- Enormous and unjustifiable inequities across the EU



The fundamental Problems

- Lack of equal and timely access to treatment
- Lack of access to quality information,
- Lack of psychological, social and environment support that help the patient during treatment and recovery.



What patients ask for

- In relation to equal and timely access to safe, effective diagnosis, treatments and support;
- The current EU political emphasis from purely health and wealth extended to health, wealth and equity.



What patients ask for

- Better information and resources for patients to be partners in determining their care
- “Health Literacy” as a concept must be established at both EU and national level.



Health Literacy Conference

- Further research
- EU level Health Literacy Network
- Wider distribution of Health Information – quality criteria
- Productive dialogue – shared decision making in their care
- Meaningful involvement – health literacy policies and programmes



What patients ask for

- A patients' voice to be heard in Brussels and throughout the European Union
- Promote patient empowerment!
- Patients need to be involved in a formal way in EU and national health projects. With patient input, policy is more likely to respond to our vital needs.



Our manifesto developed by Patients



- Our Manifesto is based upon reports from our members
- The proposals have been developed and endorsed by our members – leading patient organisations more than 150 million EU patients
- Achievable, make economic sense
- a significant difference to the health outcomes and quality of life of vast numbers of patients in every Member State



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- The European Patients' Forum through its membership represents over **150 million patients** - citizens and voters across the EU.

- The Patients' Manifesto that we have developed with our members calls for vital new measures in **3 fundamental areas** to improve the quality of health care delivered across the EU:

- **Equal and timely access** to safe, effective diagnosis, treatments and support;
- **Better information and resources** for patients to be partners in determining their care;
- **A patients' voice** to be heard in Brussels and throughout the European Union.

Our current health systems can be unfair, divisive and fail to put the patients' perspective first. We believe all patients within the EU have a basic right to equal access to quality medical treatment, regardless of where they live, their status or their income.

- In our Patients' manifesto we call upon the political groups within the European Parliament, MEPs, prospective MEPs, national representatives in EU Member States, and the new Commission, to commit to the legitimate rights and needs of patients and to make our proposals their priority.





Sign up to the Manifesto

and work with us towards high quality, patient-centred, equitable healthcare throughout the European Union.

www.eu-patient.eu/manifesto