

Proposal:

Physicians and the Pharmaceutical and Medical technology Industry

The leaders of the Nordic colleges and unions of general practice have agreed on the content of this paper in their biannual meeting in Sweden 2012. The members of this assembly commit themselves to present this resolution for their national boards for adoption and to work for the implementation of the charter in their own countries.

The GP organisations and scientific colleagues of the Nordic countries want to ensure clarity about, and limit the influence of the industry on pharmaceutical and other treatments in the health system of the Nordic countries.

The organisations suggest these five initiatives to ensure this purpose:

1: All countries must establish rules to ensure that doctors' professional advice in connection with treatment guidelines is independent of the pharmaceutical and medical technology industry.

2: The physician standard drug information must be produced and disseminated from an independent, publicly owned and operated organisation.

3: Institutions which can provide independent assessments of the pros and cons of tests and treatments must be strengthened.

4: Independent drug research must be strengthened.

5: There must be full transparency of physicians' income from and other interests in the pharmaceutical and medical technology industry.

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