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Position statement on new Mutual Recognition Agreements with non EU/EEA member countries

The European Junior Doctors Permanent Working Group (EJD) reaffirms support for the principles of medical mobility and the free movement of doctors between countries to work and live. We believe that, if implemented correctly, Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs) could help to facilitate this.

MRAs could provide additional benefits to the development of healthcare through the exchange of knowledge and experience. Furthermore, they also promote equal access for doctors across international labour markets.

In addition, the quality of education and training, and the language skills of doctors must be considered in the development of new MRAs and follow EU standards to ensure patient safety.

Any associated costs regarding the process of recognition of qualifications for doctors should be minimised. Doctors with qualification recognition from an MRA should be granted the same rights as those who completed their medical training in that country.

We believe that existing international policies regarding the impact of the movement of doctors and other healthcare professionals should be considered in the development of new MRAs^{1,2}.

¹ 69th World Health Assembly. Global strategy on human resources for health: workforce 2030. May 2016.

² WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel Sixty-third World Health Assembly - WHA63.16 May 2010