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European Kidney Forum

Patient Choice of Treatment

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INTRODUCTION & AGENDA

INTRODUCTION BY PROF EM. RAYMOND VANHOLDER, EKHA CHAIRMAN

In 2015 European Kidney Health Alliance (EKHA) launched its Recommendations for Sustainable Kidney Care. This year's Forum is devoted to the second cluster of Recommendations: Patient Choice of Treatment. This issue has emerged as a major point of concern for us because of the sparse literature as well as our own experience that some treatment options are not as accessible to kidney patients as one would desire. In addition, we recognize that there huge disparities in this regard across EU Member States. It is clear that this results in patients not having the treatments they desire, which offer them the best quality of life and which offer the greatest cost-effectiveness to the health system, in an area where health expenditure is substantial. Today we will report on our recent multi-country survey involving patients and health professionals and we will discuss various policy and health economic aspects that hinder patient choice. Finally we will consider how patients may experience this aspect and what solutions could be implemented to improve the situation.

AGENDA

TIME	OUTLINE	SPEAKER
17:00-17:10	**Welcome by MEP Host & Member, MEP Group for Kidney Health**	**MEP Hilde Vautmans** *European Parliament*
17:10-17:35	**Addressing health inequalities in Europe** The work of the European Commission	**Mr Juergen Scheftlein** *Team Leader for Health Inequalities DG Sante, European Commission*
17:35-18:05	**Snapshot of patient choice in RRT across Europe** Results of EKHA's Survey in 8 countries	**Prof Raymond Vanholder** *EKHA Chairman*
18:05-18:15	**The health economic factors behind treatment choice**	**Prof Lieven Annemans** *Gent University*
18:15-18:35	**From patient compliance to treatment compliance**	**Gerard H.F. Boekhoff MSc** *Board member, Neo-Kidney Foundation*
18:35-19:20	**How to Move from Concept to Reality?** EKHA's Recommendations for improving patient choice in RRT while improving sustainability	**Prof Raymond Vanholder** *EKHA Chairman*
	Interactive discussion Moderated by Peter O'Donnell, Politico EU	*All*
19:20-19:25	**Closing remarks**	**Prof Raymond Vanholder** *EKHA Chairman*
19:30-21:30	**Networking drink and dinner**	

Hilde Vautmans
MEP (BELGIUM, ALDE), EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Hilde Vautmans is a liberal Member of the European Parliament from Belgium. She graduated from the Catholic University of Leuven with a degree in Social and Criminological Sciences. After graduation, Vautmans worked in the Belgian Senate with former liberal Senators Valere Vautmans and Stef Goris and served as chair of the Rwanda Commission under Senator Guy Verhofstadt. She directed the Open VLD section as Group Secretary, and by the end of 2014 succeeded Minister of State Annemie Neyts in the European Parliament. Within the Parliament, Vautmans serves on the Committee for Foreign Affairs (AFET), the Subcommittee for Security and Defence (SEDE) and the Delegation for Relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

Jürgen Scheftlein
POLICY OFFICER, DG SANTE, EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Jürgen Scheftlein is Policy Officer in charge of Health Inequalities and Social Determinants in the Unit 'Health Determinants and Inequality' of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety. Jürgen Scheftlein is also team leader for the EU Health Policy Platform, which aims to improve and facilitate the communication of DG SANTE with its health interest groups. Jürgen Scheftlein has been working with the European Commission since 1997. He is a historian by academic background. He graduated from the University of Cologne and is of German nationality.

BIOGRAPHIES

Raymond Vanholder
CHAIRMAN, EUROPEAN KIDNEY HEALTH ALLIANCE

Prof Em. Raymond Vanholder is Chairman of the European Kidney Health Alliance, and acting Chairman of the European Chronic Disease Alliance. Until autumn 2010, he was Chairman of the European Uremic Toxin Work Group (EUTox) and member of the Executive Board and treasurer of Kidney Disease Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO). Until summer 2011 he was chairman of the European Renal Best Practice (ERBP). Until autumn 2014, he Chaired the Renal Disaster Relief Task Force (RDRTF) of the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and participated in several international relief operations. Prof Vanholder was founding President of the Belgian Society of Nephrology (BVN-SBN), is past President of the European Society of Artificial Organs (ESAO) and past President of ERA-EDTA. He is now retired (Prof Em at Gent University). During his career he has published more than 800 papers, including reviews and book chapters, on adequacy of dialysis, uremic toxicity and various topics related to clinical nephrology. He serves as a member of the editorial review board of several journals and is subject editor of Nephrology Dialysis and Transplantation and Toxins.

Lieven Annemans
PROFESSOR, GENT UNIVERSITY

Currently a professor of health economics, faculty of medicine and health sciences at the Department of Public Health at Ghent University (Belgium). Past-President of ISPOR (International Society for Pharmaco-Economics and Outcomes Research). Previously advisor to the Belgian Minister of Health from 2001 to 2003 and president of the Flemish health council from 2003 to 2009. Specialized in health technology assessment and financing health care professionals. Author of >400 publications on health economics and several books on health economic evaluations and health systems reforms.

Gerard Boekhoff
BOARD MEMBER, **NEO-KIDNEY FOUNDATION**

Gerard Boekhoff was Chief Executive of the Dutch Kidney Patient Association for 12 years (1994-2006) and Vice Mayor of his home town Bussum for 10 years (2006-2016), responsible for health care. He is now Chief Executive of an organization for social support and welfare in the city of Almere. Boekhoff also was Vice President of the European Kidney Patients Federation and was advisor for the Dutch Government on organ donation. Presently he has several positions in health care in the Netherlands i.e. as member of the Executive Committee of the Neo Kidney Foundation, developing a portable artificial kidney. He gave lectures on numerous occasions throughout Europe on the patient perspective in health care. Boekhoff was on haemodialysis himself from 1978 till 1982 when he received a kidney transplant when he was 19 years old.

Peter O'Donnell
MODERATOR

Peter O'Donnell is an EU-accredited Brussels-based journalist who has been covering European and international affairs for over 20 years. He has worked for The Financial Times, The Sunday Times, Reuters, the Economist Intelligence Unit, UPI, Euronews, and many other media in Europe and beyond. He is a former editor-in-chief of Europe Information Service, a former associate editor of European Voice and of Politico, and is a contributing writer to Politico in Brussels, APM Europe in London and Applied Clinical Trials in the USA. In addition to his work as a journalist, he acts as editor, editorial adviser and speechwriter for numerous clients in the corporate, political and academic world. He frequently chairs EU-level policy debates and lectures on EU affairs.

NOTES

EKHA is a common effort by stakeholders to propose solutions for the challenges of Chronic Kidney Disease in Europe through effective prevention and a more efficient care pathway intended to facilitate the provision of appropriate and affordable treatment to all Europeans equally, while promoting the highest quality of care. EKHA works on the principle that the issue of kidney health and disease must be considered at European level and that both the European Commission and European Parliament have vital roles to play in assisting national governments with these challenges.

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