



ORDRE NATIONAL DES MEDECINS Conseil National de l'Ordre

A EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENT

Faced with problems common to many countries and issues that transcend borders, the French Medical Council has long been committed to European and international action. This is reflected in our strong ties with organizations around the world that represent or bring physicians together. It enables the Council to make the voice of French practitioners heard in such bodies and to benefit from the experience of professionals working in other settings.

To fulfill this role, the General **Delegation for European and International Affairs (DAEI) represents** the French Medical Council abroad. An essential function at a time when **European and international political** decisions, as well as the actions of various multinationals, can have a very eal impact on our healthcare policies and systems.





The French National Medical Council (Cnom) coordinates and harmonizes the activities of all the medical councils. It acts at both the administrative and jurisdictional levels. It is also the point of contact for ministerial authorities and national health organizations. It issues opinions on a number of regulatory instruments and plays an active role in major healthcare debates.

The Cnom is responsible for 5 major missions:

- 1. Ensuring ethics and professional conduct, through the drafting of the Code of Ethics and its commentaries, as well as through its disciplinary role.
- 2. Ensuring the competence and probity of physicians, and maintaining an up-to-date list of physicians authorized to practice.
- 3. Accompanying and supporting physicians, through tools and self-help mechanisms.
- 4. Ensuring access to care and its quality, and respect for patient rights.
- 5. Engaging in dialogue with public authorities, notably through its presence on numerous bodies and its role as an expert.

These different missions are summed up in one commitment: to be at the service of physicians, in the best interests of patients.

Its composition

The Cnom is made up of 58 members elected by the full members of the departmental medical councils, one member appointed by the Académie de Médecine and one member appointed by the Minister of Justice. Half of the Cnom is renewed every three years, with equal representation for male and female members. At its head, the Board is made up of the Chair and 17 members responsible for assisting him or her in management and decision-making. Cnom members are supported by employees.





All national members take part in the work of the Cnom, through a number of bodies.

Sessions

These deliberative sessions of the Cnom, which bring together all the national councillors, are held five times a year.

Councillors from the supervisory ministries and the armed forces health service are invited to attend. The sections, delegations and commissions (see pages 4-5) present their work for discussion and approval.

Board meetings

The Board is a consultative body that meets at least 10 times a year. The State Councillor, together with the directors and heads of the various departments concerned by the agendas, attend these meetings. The meetings are an opportunity for the sections and delegations to submit their dossiers and examine current issues.

Section, Delegation, Committee and Thematic meetings

The Cnom has four sections - Training and Medical Skills, Public Health, Ethics and Deontology, Professional Practice - and three general delegations - European and International Affairs, Internal Relations, Health Data and Digital. There are also a number of statutory and non-statutory committees and working groups. All these bodies meet regularly (up to once a month) to work on specific issues within their area of expertise.

The seminar

Organized annually, the seminars brings together national advisors to work on one or two pre-defined issues.

General meetings

Twice a year, they bring together the national councillors, presidents, secretaries general and treasurers of the departmental and regional councils. The work in progress and the positions of the Cnom are presented and, if necessary, explained. Question-and-answer sessions provide an opportunity to listen to specific points of view or particular local situations.

The Congress

The Congress is held once during each term of office and brings together national councillors and representatives of departmental and regional councils. It lasts three days and ends with a general meeting. Some of the sessions are open to a wide range of political and institutional figures.



In order to best meet the expectations of physicians regardless of their type of practice or area of specialization—and patients, the Medical Council is present at all three administrative levels in France: national, with the Cnom, as well as regional and departmental levels.

At departmental level, the departmental council (CDOM) carries out administrative tasks, ranging from keeping the register to organising on-call care, reviewing and monitoring all contracts entered into by physicians and issuing replacement authorisations. The CDOM is on hand to listen to physicians and assist them with any problems, disputes or questions they may have.

In addition, it receives and forwards complaints lodged against practitioners within its jurisdiction to the disciplinary chamber of first instance, after organising conciliation procedures.

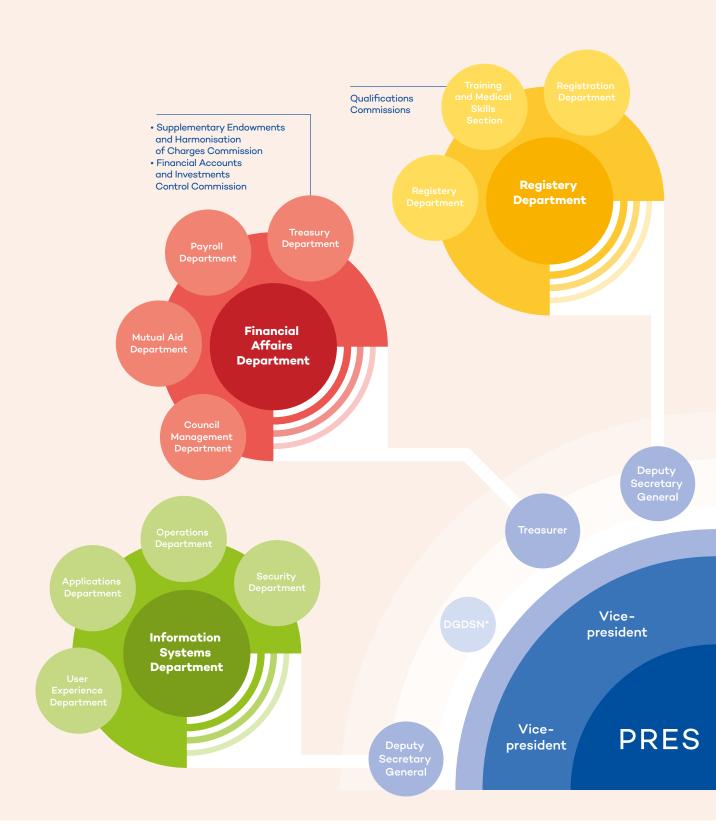
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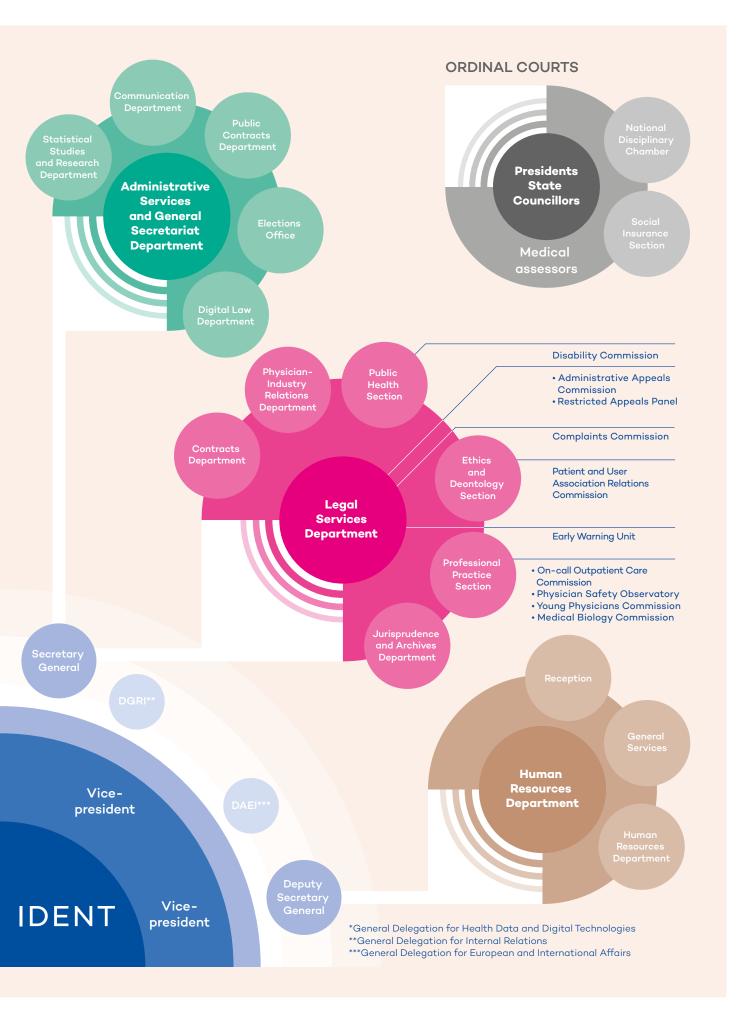
At the regional level, the regional and inter-regional councils are the interlocutors of the local authorities of the healthcare system. This is also the level of the disciplinary chamber of first instance, which is however independent of the councils.

REGIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL COUNCILS

HOW DOES THE CNOM FUNCTION?

The Cnom relies both on the 58 elected members of the National Council, who meet at least 5 times a year in ordinary session, and on a team of 170 employees.





THE GENERAL DELEGATION **FOR EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS** (DAEI)

Its missions

Always with an international outlook, the DAEI's missions are diverse:

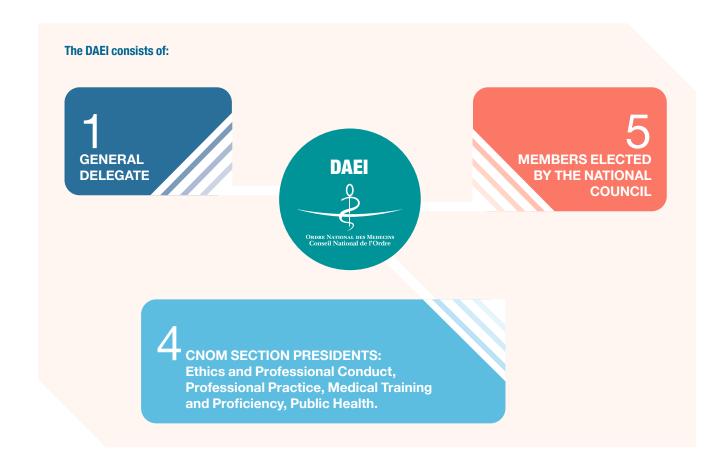
- It monitors European and international healthcare legislation. The aim is to anticipate the impact that these developments will have on medical practice in France.
- It takes part in meetings of the various bodies of which it is a member, where it can defend the positions of the Cnom and take part in the drafting of joint statements (Geneva and Helsinki Declarations, etc.) and the development of joint tools (European demographic observatory, data collection form on violence suffered by healthcare workers).
- · It exchanges and cooperates with other medical associations worldwide, as well as with organisations representing students and young physicians.
- It works to develop opportunities for exchanges with European decision-makers to promote its expertise and priorities.
- It plays an active role in the French Medical Council's overall communications, through its bimonthly magazine, newsletter and website, as well as its own X account (formerly Twitter).

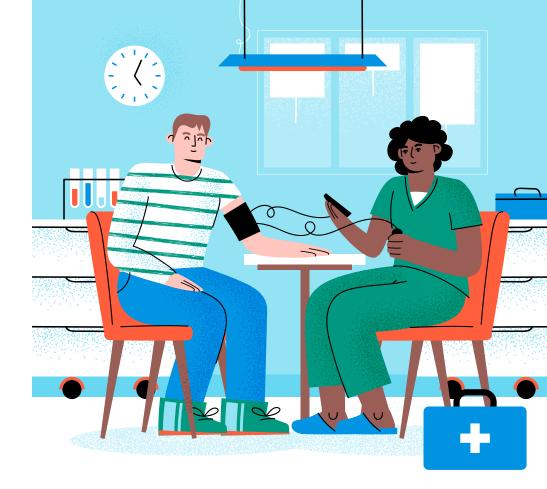
• It participates in the preparation of answers to questions raised by the various sections of the Council on international and European issues.

Through its various missions, the DAEI defends and promotes French medical ethics and professional conduct in Europe and abroad (see p. 7). To this end, it benefits from the expertise of the four sections of the Cnom. DAEI is also enriched by the experience of physicians practicing outside France.

The DAEI is based in Paris, where it meets regularly to participate in the development of the Cnom's international policy.

The DAEI also has an office in Brussels, where it liaises with European institutions and partner medical associations.







Equal access to care

The French Medical Council, with the support of the DAEI, works to guarantee fair and universal access to quality healthcare in France and abroad, while ensuring that patients' rights are respected. It also encourages solidarity between physicians and healthcare systems, particularly in times of crisis or health emergencies.

Medical Ethics Advocacy

The DAEI promotes the fundamental ethical and deontological principles of the medical profession. Several texts, to which the Cnom adheres, are part of this commitment:

- the French Code of Medical Ethics, enshrined in the French Public Health Code;
- the CEOM's European Charter of Medical Ethics, which is based on four pillars: conscience, dignity, independence, medical confidentiality and trust;
- the Declaration of Geneva (inspired by the Hippocratic Oath), adopted in 1948, and the Declaration of Helsinki, adopted in 1964 (the main international text setting out the ethical principles that should guide medical research involving human participants). These two WMA texts have been revised several times.

Protecting vulnerable people

This commitment takes many forms: combating the main health threats, promoting prevention and public health policies, reducing inequalities, combating discrimination, supporting physicians in difficulty in countries in conflict, combating violence perpetrated against healthcare professionals, etc.

The quality and safety of care

Provide safe, high-quality care is a key public health priority in every country. The DAEI is committed to ensuring that the professional qualifications and scope of activity of medical specialties are recognised in Europe. It also promotes the defence of high professional standards for physicians and the need for periodic recertification.

The free movement of physicians

To guarantee patient safety, the Council, through the DAEI, supports a safe and effective alert mechanism, enabling the competent authorities to be informed of the professional situation of a physician wishing to practice in a new member state. The aim is to preserve freedom of movement while strengthening mutual trust between competent authorities.

Innovation and Adaptation

In a context of constant innovation in healthcare and increased integration of AI into medical practices, the DAEI promotes an ethical approach, ensuring that these advances remain at the service of patients and fully respect the principles of medical ethics.

THE DAEI ECOSYSTEM

The DAEI sits on a number of international bodies, representing the Cnom.

INTERNATIONAL BODIES

EUROPEAN BODIES

World Medical Association

- WMA -

Conference of Medical Councils from Frenchspeaking countries - CFOM -

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ORDRE NATIONAL DES MEDECINS Conseil National de l'Ordre Standing Committee of European Doctors - CPME -

European Council of Medical Orders - CEOM -

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European Network of Medical Competent Authorities

- ENMCA -

Network coordination with GMA and GMC

European Association of

Senior Hospital Physicians - AEMH -

MEETINGS

European Forum of Medical Associations - EFMA -

Participant

Latin American, Iberian Peninsula, and Caribbean Medical Confederation - CONFEMEL -



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