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THE 'EUROPEAN
PROFESSIONAL
CARD' (EPC)
AND THE 'ALERT
MECHANISM'*

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of Physicians and Dentists

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Poland - management of **incoming alerts regarding medical doctors**

Supreme Chamber of Physicians and Dentists:

- receives as Coordinator all incoming alerts „Doctors”
- adds itself as a Recipient in order to access the full content (personal data)
- checks whether the doctor is (or was) registered in Poland
- in case the doctor is (was) registered in Poland forwards the alert to the relevant regional chamber

Regional Chambers of Physicians and Dentists:

- receive as Recipients alerts regarding their present (or former) members – the ones forwarded by the Supreme Chamber
- **take relevant actions ???**



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Poland - management of incoming alerts regarding dental practitioners

Ministry of Health:

- receives as Coordinator all incoming alerts „Other health professions”
- forwards alerts regarding dentists to the Supreme Chamber

Supreme Chamber of Physicians and Dentists:

- receives as Recipient all alerts regarding dentists forwarded by the MoH
- checks whether the dentist is (or was) registered in Poland
- in case the dentist is (was) registered in Poland asks the MoH to add the regional chamber of which the dentist is (was) a member as additional Recipient





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Poland - management of **incoming alerts regarding dental practitioners**

Ministry of Health:

- forwards the alert to the regional chamber of which the doctor is (was) a member

Regional Chambers of Physicians and Dentists:

- receive as Recipients alerts forwarded by the MoH regarding their present (or former) members
- **take necessary actions ???**





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Poland – **sending alerts** regarding **medical doctors and dental practitioners**

All alerts are sent (broadcasted) directly by the regional chambers
– following receipt of information about enforceable decision
prohibiting or restricting professional practice.

Between February 2016 and May 2017
there were altogether **59 alerts** sent **from Poland**
regarding medical doctors and dental practitioners.



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59 alerts regarding medical doctors and dental practitioners sent from Poland

Source of decision:

- 36** - chambers of physicians and dentists
- 20** - courts of law (penal courts)
- 3** - prosecutors

Type of decision:

- 39** - temporary prohibition (suspension of the right to practice)
- 17** - restriction of the scope of professional practice
- 3** - permanent prohibition (deprivation of the right to practice)



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Incoming alerts
concerning medical doctors and dental practitioners registered in Poland

Supreme Chamber has identified 29 incoming alerts
which concern medical doctor or dental practitioner registered in Poland.

All of these were sent by the UK and concern 20 professionals:

15 medical doctors

5 dental practitioners

Concern various circumstances:

- professional misconduct
- deficient professional performance
- adverse health
- language impairment

Lack of certainty how to proceed on national level
– what measures, actions may be taken in accordance with the Polish law?



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Conclusions, remarks

- alerts related to circumstances that have no implication on patient safety;
- management of alerts regarding the same professional;
- direct access of Coordinator to personal data;
- possibility for one Recipient to add another Recipient;
- possibility to indicate more than one specialty;
- consequences of alert on national level
 - an issue for domestic law or maybe an issue for EU law?