

Press Release



Czech Republic ranked 23rd for diabetes care; one step ahead of Slovakia in the first Euro Consumer Diabetes Index

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Czech diabetes care was ranked 23rd in Europe at the launch of the first Euro Consumer Diabetes Index. Denmark leads the Diabetes Index ranking followed by the UK and France. The outcome is a step down compared with the results in the Euro Health Consumer Index and the Heart Index where Czech Republic reached a 15th and 21st place.

The Diabetes Index compares care systems around Europe from a consumer point of view. In five categories, covering 26 performance indicators, Czech Republic scored 613 points from a potential 1,000.

"In spite of very frequent contacts between patients and doctors, check-ups for diabetes complications are surprisingly irregular". The lack of foot experts is an issue to be improved in the near future, says Dr. Beatriz Cebolla Garrofé, Project Manager for the Diabetes Index.

What more could be done in Czech Republic?

"Information to patients is a weak point that the Czechs should try and work out. Also preventive check-ups and patient follow-ups could become more regular," states the President of the Health Consumer Powerhouse, Mr. Johan Hjertqvist, analysing the Index outcome implications for the Czech Republic.

About the Index

The Euro Consumer Diabetes Index provides the first ever ranking of European diabetes healthcare services across five key areas: Information, Consumer Rights and Choice; Generosity, Prevention; Access to procedures and Outcomes. The Diabetes Index is sourced from public statistics and independent research. The producer is the analysis and information organisation; Health Consumer Powerhouse. As with all other HCP Indexes, the organisation takes a consumer-centred position. The Index is produced with the help of an unrestricted grant from Pfizer Inc.

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