Press Invitation

16th of June, 2006

Which country wins the 2006 European Union contest as the most consumer-friendly healthcare system?

The Euro Health Consumer Index 2006 ranking 25 EU Member States is to be launched at a press conference June 26th at 10.00.

The 2006 Index reveals a number of eye-catching statistics:

• three quarter of the European national health systems can not begin treating a cancer within three weeks;
• only one third of Member States would allow you direct access to a specialist and the opportunity to get a second opinion;
• Medical records are inaccessible for the patient in half of the Member States.

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With an expanded and improved set of indicators reviewing patient’s rights and information, waiting times, treatment outcomes and healthcare systems generosity, the index aims to empower consumers by providing them with objective European healthcare performance data.

To present the overall outcome, the category winners, which country that offers the best value for money to their citizens and more, we have the pleasure of inviting you to the Euro Health Consumer Summit 2006 and the press briefing 2006.

Press briefing details
26th of June CET 10:00hrs at the Health Consumer Powerhouse’s office (Rue Fossé aux Loups 34, B-1000 Brussels).

Summit details
26th of June CET 16:00 to 19:00hrs at the Renaissance Hotel (Rue du Parnasse 19, B-1050, Brussels)

More information

Mr. Johan Hjertqvist, President of the Health Consumer Powerhouse, and Dr. Arne Björnberg, Index Director, will be available for interviews.

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