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## **EUROPEAN DEFINITION OF THE MEDICAL ACT**

On the occasion of its meeting in Munich on 21 & 22 October 2005, UEMS Council adopted a European definition of the Medical Act. This Definition was amended by the UEMS Council at its meetings in Budapest on 3 & 4 November 2006 and Brussels on 25 April 2009 as follows:

***“The medical act encompasses all the professional actions, e.g. scientific, teaching, training and educational, organisational, clinical and medico-technical steps, performed to promote health and functioning, prevent diseases, provide diagnostic or therapeutic and rehabilitative care to patients, individuals, groups or communities in the framework of the respect of ethical and deontological values. It is the responsibility of, and must always be performed by a registered medical doctor/physician or under his or her direct supervision and/or prescription.”***