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Strategic Approaches to Managing Undernutrition

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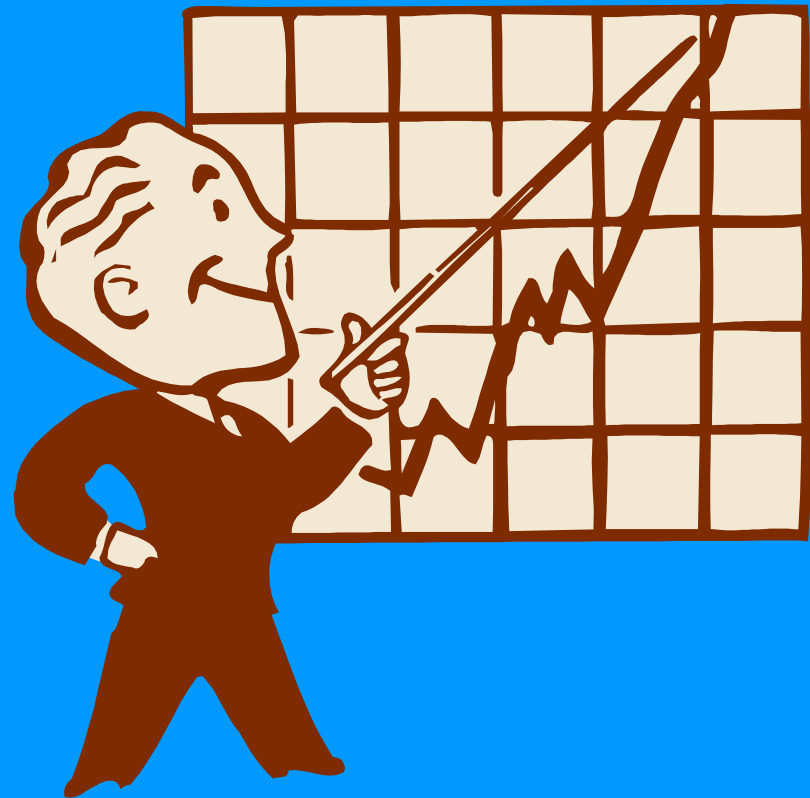
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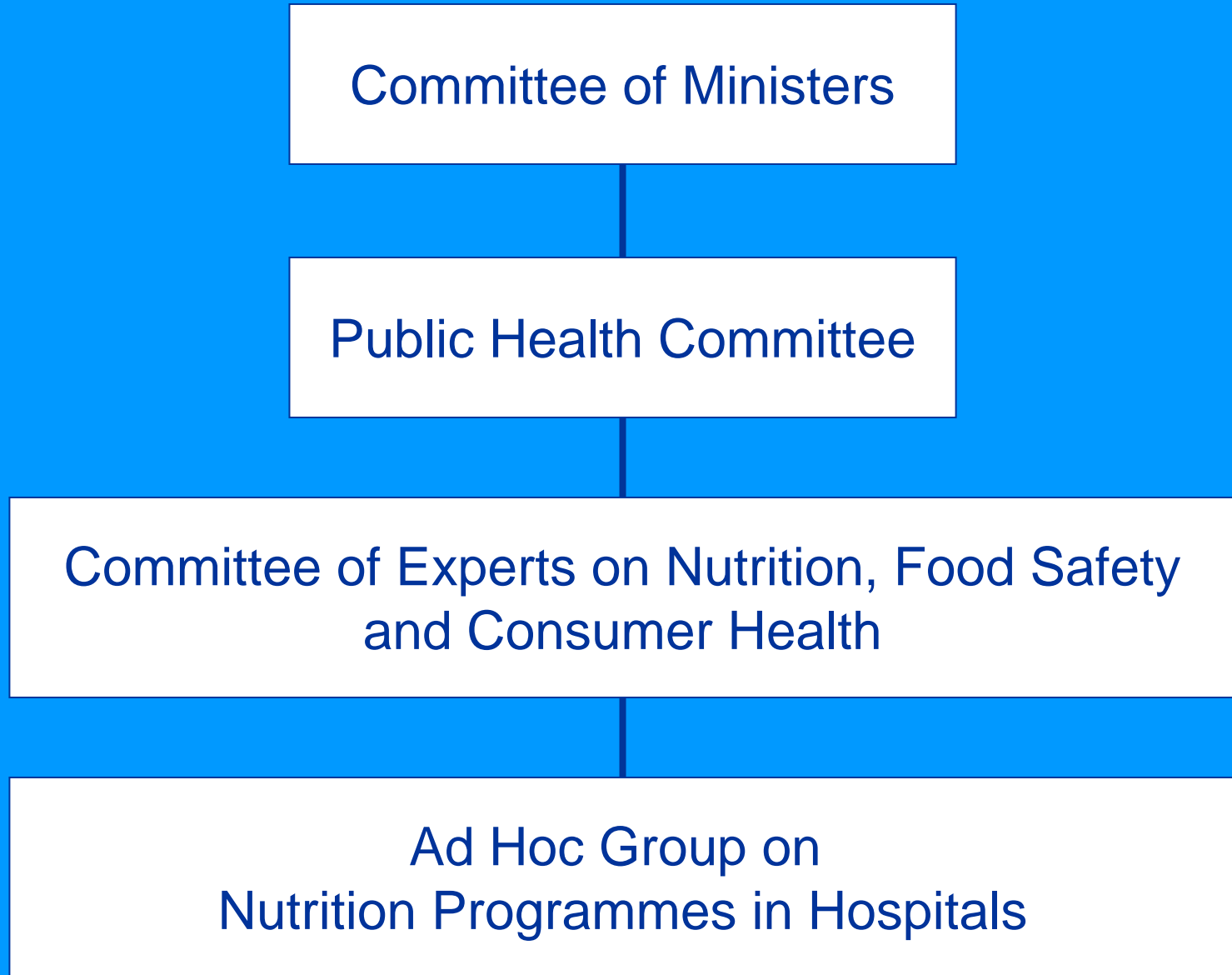


Committee of Ministers

Public Health Committee

Committee of Experts on Nutrition, Food Safety
and Consumer Health

Ad Hoc Group on
Nutrition Programmes in Hospitals



European Network

- Participants: Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, WHO (Europe)
- Frequent incidents of under-nutrition
- Need for European Guidelines
- Questionnaire for national contributions

Shared Problems

- Lack of clearly defined responsibilities in planning and managing nutritional care
- Lack of sufficient education about nutrition among all staff groups
- Lack of influence by patients
- Lack of co-operation between staff groups
- Lack of involvement by hospital management

European Forum

- Strasbourg, 21 – 22 November 2001
- 90 participants: hospital ward and catering staff, nutritionists, patients, researchers, administrators, political decision-makers
- Sessions: European and national initiatives, quality of life and cost efficiency, delivering nutritional care, co-operation for ensuring nutritional care

Aims of the Forum

- Promote joint action to prevent under-nutrition in hospitals through improvements in nutritional screening, food service and other nutritional care
- Improve public awareness on the issue and introduce the Provisional Report and Recommendations to protagonists for feedback

Results of the Forum

- Proceedings
- Report and recommendations finalised (2002)
- Further emphasis: food as a source of enjoyment and quality of life, rights of the patient, education, ethical issues, children's needs

Contacts

- Council of Europe website: www.coe.int
- Partial Agreement website:
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