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Dear members of the Executive Board of WONCA,

All experts agree that high rates of influenza vaccination rates of both high risk patients and health care professionals are paramount to reduce the risk that influenza poses to the society. Primary care has shown to play a key role in this yearly campaign in many countries.

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As we have announced earlier the European Scientific Working group on Influenza (ESWI) has drafted a declaration to promote influenza vaccination and has asked WONCA to support and spread that declaration. You then asked your Special Interest Group GRIN to advise on this. We have studied and somewhat amended the declaration (see attachment) and now advise WONCA to officially support this. Of course you should decide on ways to make this statement public, but perhaps spreading a statement based on the declaration during the WONCA congress in Malaga would be a good idea according to GRIN. Hoping you are willing to follow our advice,

On behalf of GRIN,

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