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# **Transparency should serve a purpose but is not a purpose in se**

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## Trust Truth and Transparency

- Transparency is an essential link in the circle of trust and truth
- Thus contributing to consumers/patient's safety



# Transparency in Medicine

- Essential
  - for “shared decision making”
  - Trust in the profession
  - Trustworthiness of the chain of care(-takers)
  - Safety
- But...



# Transparency in Medicine

- Transparency is limited when it comes to trust and open access of healthcare in other words in preserving “patient’s privacy”...
- Reluctance in Transparency when things went wrong or faults were made, is linked to concerns on reputation and liability



# Transparency in Food Safety

- Parallels and differences
  - Consumers need to trust the food-producers
  - Producers are in competition and safety-requirements should protect their position on the markets
  - But controlling agencies should have full access to all the data... with security guaranties



# Transparency in Food Safety

- So in transparency two levels should be discerned:
  1. Absolute transparency within the limits of secrecy with in first instance a “non-punitive” approach
  2. Understandable and open information should be available with respect for marketing position of the food-producers



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# **Thanks for you valued attention**

Looking forward to a fruitful discussion