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The BIG-Register

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The BIG-register is a division of the Central Information Centre for Professional Practitioners in Health Care (Agentschap Centraal Informatiepunt Beroepen Gezondheidszorg or CIBG), an executive agency of the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport.

It is an up-to-date register containing the details of pharmacists, physicians, physiotherapists, health care psychologists, psychotherapists, dentists, midwives and nurses, and also records any restrictions on their entitlement to practise. This can involve sanctions imposed by a disciplinary board or criminal proceedings.

Only practitioners included in the BIG-register may use the corresponding professional titles and claim the corresponding authority. Periodic renewal of registration will be introduced in the future to ensure that the knowledge and skills of those included in the BIG-register still meet the minimum standards of quality required.

The BIG-register has a social function. In addition to updating and managing the entries in the register, on also request it also provides information about registration to health care professionals, organisations and citizens. Only information that directly concerns the practice of the health care profession is of a public nature. Personal details are not given out. The BIG-register is covered by the Personal Data Protection Act. The personal details of registered health care professionals are well protected.