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"We recommend the following revision: 'All labels should bear a statement that a supplement should be taken on an advice of a nutritionist, a dietician, or a medical doctor'"

To label food supplements in a manner to lead the consumer to believe that one should only depend on the advice of a medical doctor, dietician, or nutritionist to be able to make a choice of nutritional supplementation is a misleading statement for substantive reason. A supermajority of medical doctors have little or no training, experience, or interest in nutrition or nutritional supplementation. Dieticians and nutritionists are less so, but in far less abundance in the healthcare workplace. The "healthcare" mode of healing and practice is a small subset compared to the "medical care" provider. To make these groups of practitioners gatekeepers for a field, nutritional supplementation, that is not a priority or emphasis of their formal education and training does not make real or logical sense. Most health practitioners who become advocates of food supplementation do so from developing personal interest in the subject, often after seeing good clinical outcomes with nutritional supplementation in therapeutics.

DELETE THIS OBSTRUCTIVE AND INTRUSIVE LANGUAGE.

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