

# UEMO 2000/125

## UEMO WORKING GROUP GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICE

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PRESENT:ALL DELEGATIONS

1. Dr Fabian welcomed all present delegates. There was no change of the agenda.  
The minutes from the last meeting in Portoroz (Uemo 2000/027) were approved.

2. National presentations.

a. palliative care:

Dr Raffaella Michieli and Dr. Christina Fabian gave a presentation about palliative care. The why, where, what and how were presented.

In the discussion following the presentations Denmark, UK, Germany and Spain that there is a specific role for the GP in palliative care as a coordinator, because of the close relation to the patient and their capabilities.

Essential is that the assurance system facilitates the care at home.

It was generally agreed to make a policy statement for the next meeting. Sweden and Italy will make a proposal.

b. Dr Lynch (Ireland) made a presentation on Indicative Drug targets. A strategic alliance and cooperation project from GP's with the government (DOHC).

It is an agreement about the investment of the savings, made by GP's by cost effective prescribing, in practice development, training, research and information technology.

In the discussion Dr. John Banks (UK) pointed out the risk, that the government in this system feels no responsibility to finance the structural aspects of the practice. They can say, that you can do it yourself by making more savings. So you will be pressed to more.

It is better in their opinion to work with evidence based guidelines. For example the savings in generics in the UK are lower because the costs are rising to the level of branded drugs.

**It was concluded by Dr Fabian that these presentations should be published on the website of UEMO so everyone could read and use them at home.**

**All delegations agreed. Dr Cricelli promised to do so.**

3. there was no report of the dispensing doctors.

5. Next time there will be presentations :

1. equal opportunity policy in the UK
2. men health in the UK