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SPANISH REPLY TO

QUESTIONNAIRE 2001/006 FROM UEMO PORTUGUESE DELEGATION

- 1) Is General Practice in your country considered as a specialty?
- 2) Are GP's only entitled to practice as specialists?

General Practice in Spain is a specialty from year 1978 and to practice it, it is necessary to be in possession of the “TÍTULO DE ESPECIALISTA EN MEDICINA FAMILIAR Y COMUNITARIA” (CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF SPECIALIST TRAINING IN FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEDICINE) or of the ACCREDITATION given to all general practitioners who did not have the specialty until year 1995.

Therefore, at the present time, in Spain there are Specialists in Family and Community Medicine who obtained their degree via MIR (Médicos Internos Residentes = doctors in postgraduate training), or by other alternative channels set down by law, for example the channel of the year 1989; and other doctors who, without having the specialist degree, are entitled to practice as family doctors thanks to the above mentioned accreditation.

But from year 1995 it is MANDATORY to be in possession of the corresponding “Título de Especialista en Medicina Familiar y Comunitaria” to be able to work in the Spanish Public Health System like family doctor (present denomination of the general medicine posts in our country).

Spain presented during the last UEMO meetings a complete report on this question where we lengthened the required information, that is part of a complex situation that has generated serious conflicts in the Spanish General Practice, mainly with regard to acquired rights and scales for obtaining posts at the National Health System.

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