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### *The former German Democratic Republic's Vocational Training Scheme for General Practice*

This scheme defined an obligatory 5 years specific training in General Practice as early as 1978 and can still be considered a very efficient and effective training programme.

#### **1. Duration: 5 years,**

of which one year and a half had to be spent in a hospital setting, the rest in ambulatory care which was mostly organised within authorized polyclinics (health centers with various medical specialists). The first month of the training took place in general practice in order to give the candidate an initial feeling for his future career. Also the last months of training were supposed to take place in General Practice.

#### **Theoretical courses of two weeks.**

Obligatory courses on Vaccinations and Hygiene

#### **2. Organisation of the vocational training**

Each candidate had a personal mentor directing the vocational training. As far as possible, the candidate should spend one day per week in the practice of his personal mentor to use bit by bit his new skills, knowledge and attitudes. The necessary rotation was granted. Recommendations for CME and further scientific training and self studies were given.

There were recommendations for altogether 48 month as to the time necessary for each specialized departments during rotation. It was the responsibility of the mentor to decide whether the recommended time was sufficient for the individual candidate or not and how to spend the rest of the 5<sup>th</sup> year.

#### **3. Content of training**

The content of training was described in great detail in a threefold way:

- a) the goals of General Practice
- b) the content of training
- c) the enumeration of what activities had to be fulfilled during rotation.

#### **4. Examination**

**The various activities were assessed.**

The specific training ended with an examination.

#### **5. Financing**

The candidates were financed by the polyclinics to which they were attached – and this also for the times outside the polyclinique.

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