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AUSTRIAN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING TITLE III / TITLE IV

Answers of the Austrian delegation:

1. Is general practice considered a “specialty” in your country?

NO

2. Or does your country recognise a specialty of family medicine as separate from general practice?

NO

IF SO:

3. Do general practice and/or general practice as a specialty and/or family medicine co-exist in your country?

NO

4. How does the work of the specialist in general practice/family medicine differ from the work of the general practitioner?

5. Is there any intention that the specialist in general practice/family medicine should replace/take over from the general practitioner?

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YES, preliminary work is nearly completed and a decision of the Austrian Medical Chamber in support of creating the specialist in general practice is expected for summer 2002.

6. How does the specialist in family medicine differ from the general practitioner in terms of;

- Training
12 month for approbation and 60 month for specialist training instead of 36 month up to now
- Certification
regular certification like all other specialists including exam
- Recertification
No, but duty to lifetime continuing education by law
- Independence
Yes, working in general practice - as family doctors nowadays
- System of payment and level of payment
Payment by social insurance as family doctors nowadays
- Status within the health care system
as family doctors nowadays + possibility to acquire subspecialties

7. Are there any other features or characteristics you think would be worth sharing with UEMO?