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Swiss response to the UEMO Questionnaire on Specific Training (UEMO 2002/162)

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Switzerland

Structure and implementation of Specific Training in General practice/Family Medicine in UEMO countries

Dear head of delegation!

In order to pursue our task, adopted in Florence, October 2002, we need to have a detailed overview on specific training in GP/FM in all our member countries.

PLEASE ANSWER THE QUESTIONS, FILLING IN THE EXACT DATA FOR YOUR COUNTRY!

1.

Structure of specific training in GP/FM in Switzerland

Education and training	Duration (in months)	Training institutions H = hospital ,TP = Teaching practice,U = university
A. Clinical training		
Internal medicine	24 (2 years obligatory)	H or TP (policlinics). U non obligatory.
Infect. Diseases	Comprised in internal med.	Idem
Surgery	12 (one year obligatory)	H or TP (policlinics), evtl. U
Pediatrics	One year with possibility of choice between Ped. Gyn. Psy. Neurol.Rhumato. Physical Med. and General Practice	H or TP, evtl U
GYN	Idem	
Psychiatry	Idem	
Neurology	Idem	
Dermatology	Second year with possibility of choice (every discipline)	H or TP, evtl U.
Orthopedics	Idem	
Ophthalmology	Idem	
ENT	Idem	
Oncology	Idem	
/other	Idem	
B. Family medicine	Practice assistant maximal 12 months	Private practice recognized as training practice by the Swiss GP association

The total duration of specific training is 5 years.

2.

STRUCTURE of B. / family medicine training

Please insert your subjects, module, etc., that consist the FM part of specific training! There are general objectives and specific objectives of the specific training revised the 1.1.2002 (cf. <http://www.fmh.ch>). The subjects corresponding with the FM part are defined as a specific objective for the practice assistant.

No	Title/module/subject...
1.	Rational and economical treatment of diseases and consequences of accidents. Precocious identification of complications. Capacity to differ the clinical diagnosis in complex cases and to give up un-useful measures.
2.	Rapid evaluation of emergencies. Life-saving measures. Organisation of the infrastructure necessary. Good appreciation of the limits of ambulatory emergency.
3.	Identification of psychosomatic and psychosocial troubles and treatment.
4.	Evaluation and treatment of patients at home.
5.	Health examination of normal infant and child. Routine vaccinations. Identification of deviations from the normal evolution.
6.	Simple laboratory test self realized. Appreciation of quality and limits.
7.	Personal execution and interpretation of ECG.
8.	Personal execution of Xrays: thorax, sinus and limbs.
9.	School medicine and other "serial" examinations. Identification and evaluation of deviations from the norm.
10.	Vaccinations
11.	Duties of the GP in public health: declaration of some diseases, statistics of

	mortality, addictions, official activity.
12.	Good management of medical practice: archives, paper or informatics – recording, accountancy, quality control, CME.
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Example: model of ST in Slovenia:

No	Title of module
26.	Family in health and in illness
27.	Organisation of practice work
28.	Communication with patients I
29.	Quality assurance
30.	Diagnostic procedures in FM
31.	Prescribing

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32.	Preventive activities
33.	Chronic patient
34.	Addictions
35.	Physical medicine & rehabilitation
36.	<i>Health care of children and youngsters</i>
37.	Health care of workers
38.	Health care of elderly
39.	Terminal patient
40.	Pre-hospital emergency level
41.	Home visits
42.	Home for elderly
43.	Ethical problems
44.	Cooperation with specialist doctors
45.	Evidence based medicine
46.	Burn out doctors
47.	Communication with patients II
48.	Research in GP/FM
49.	Public health
50.	Medical error

3. Audit

Who is auditing the specific training?

- peers (nominated teachers in GP/FM) for the teaching in practice settings.
- Clinicians in hospitals
- others: it is the job of local GP associations (cantonal associations) to joint the diverse services and to diffuse the objectives of training.

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4. Assessment

Assessment of trainees:

- only the final exam: no
- at the end of each subject: no
- both BOTH: at the end of each subject by the chief of the service or by the practitioner. Final examination organized by the Swiss Society of GP.

Who is performing the final assessment:

- GPs Only GPs
- Clinicians: no
- Both: no

Methods used in final assessment:

- MCQ written test: yes
- OSCE stations: short questions with dissertation.
- oral exam: evaluation of communication skills (video with 6 patients)
- trainee's report no
- visit to trainee's practice no
- other:

5. Financing of ST

- stages in hospitals or state polyclinics are financed by the hospital or polyclinic, where the trainee is paid as an assistant doctor.
- Stages in private practices are financed in different ways by the GP- association, the state (if possible), the trainer and the trainee. (possible differences between cantons).
- Final examinations are financed by the GP swiss-association and the trainee.

6. Duration

Please correct, if needed!

Duration (in months) and structure of specific GP/FM training in Europe

Country	Training in hospital	Training in GP	Total duration
<i>Austria</i>	30	6	36
<i>Portugal</i>	20	16	36
<i>Greece</i>	38	10	48
<i>Denmark</i>	42	18	60 (72)*
<i>Germany</i>	54	6	60
<i>Finland</i>			60

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<i>Belgium</i>	12	24+18	54
<i>UK</i>	24	12	36
<i>Island</i>	34	24	58
<i>Norway</i>	20	40	60
<i>Sweden</i>	42 at most	18 at least	60
<i>Slovakia</i>	25	11	36
<i>Switzerland</i>	48	12	60
<i>Malta</i>	12	36	48
<i>Luxemburg</i>	14	22	36
<i>Italy</i>	18	6	24 (36)*
<i>Netherlands</i>	12	24	36
<i>Spain</i>	28	8	36
<i>Croatia</i>	24 (12 theory)	12	36
<i>Ireland</i>	24	24	48
<i>Hungary</i>	20	40	60
<i>Slovenia</i>	24	24	48

* *in near future*

7. Are the aims of Copenhagen Statement achieved?

- **specific training for GP starts at the same point as other specialist trainings do**
yes
- **specific training lasting at least 3 years**
yes
- **effective specific training is centred in general practice; the duration of education, spent on GP premises, is one half of total**
not always
- **training outside GP should be organised in curricula, elaborated in collaboration with other specialities, but supervised by general practice trainers**
not always
- **common European core content for specific training in GP/FM is incorporated in the training**
yes
- **the training includes both formative assessment throughout the course and summative assessment at the conclusion**
yes

Thank you for your kind collaboration!