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World family doctors. Caring for people.

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What is WONCA?

An acronym comprising the first 5 initials of the:
**World Organization of National Colleges, Academies
and Academic Associations of
General Practitioners / Family Physicians**

The short name is World Organization of Family Doctors.

WONCA now used as a *trademark*.



47

member countries

120,000

family doctors

12

networks & SIGs



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Our Goals

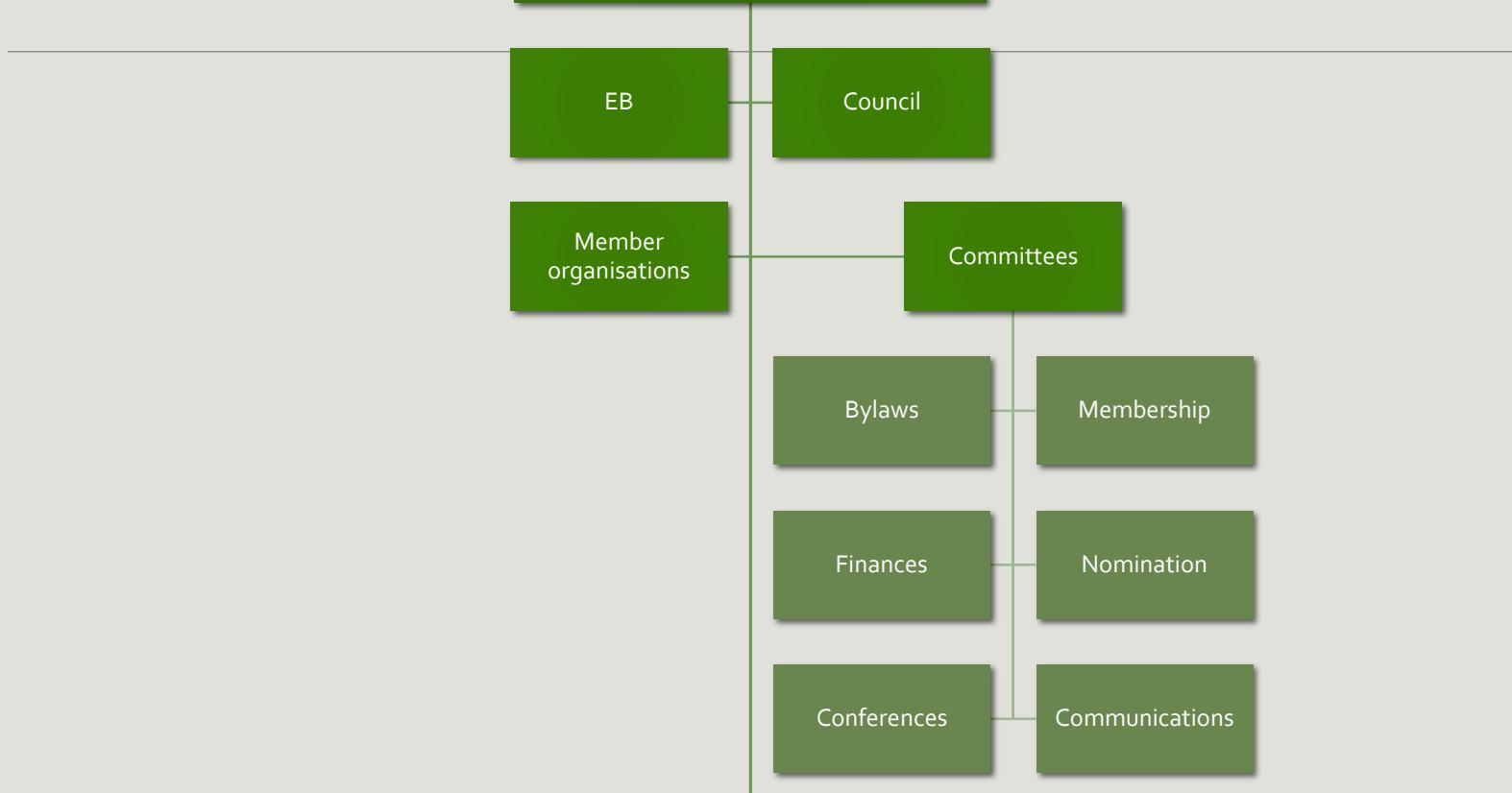
- Achieve **universal coverage** through family medicine in all of Europe.
- Advocate **integrated care** to be implemented horizontally in primary care and vertically between levels of health care.
- Support the development of an **undergraduate curriculum** with focus on FM and the **specialty training** in FM in all Europe.
- Strengthen the **research** base of GP/FM.
- Strengthen the development of **quality work & patient safety**.
- Attract **new and future** General Practitioners/ Family Physicians.

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The 2016-2019 Executive Board



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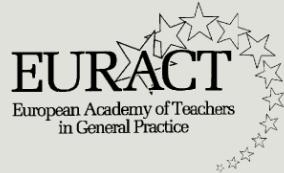
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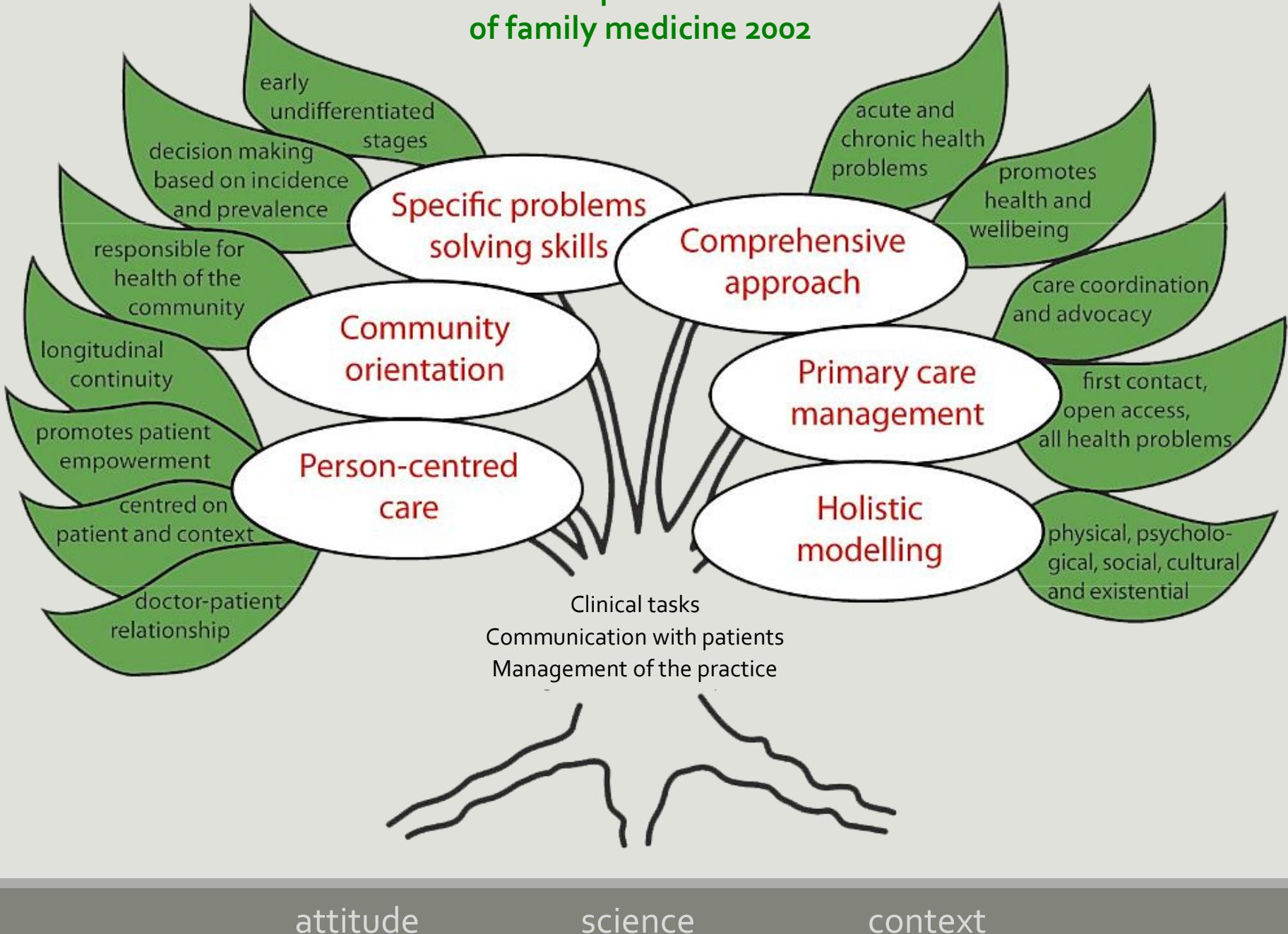


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The European Definition of family medicine 2002



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EDITORIAL
Family medicine and family medicine research—generalist approach or specialization?



Almost everybody will agree that during the last few decades we have witnessed a trend towards specialization in many areas: in the industry, in arts, in education, in sports, and in architecture. A similar development is seen in academia and particularly in medicine and healthcare. Most obvious are the many subspecialties in large clinical disciplines such as internal medicine and surgery. In many medical universities, sub-specialists or outpatient departments for single diseases such as diabetes, multiple sclerosis, headache or glaucoma are quite common. As an example, there are 12 departments of internal medicine in the Medical University of Vienna, subspecialized in areas such as angiology, hematology, cardiology or occupational medicine.

Similarly, there is a trend towards specialization in biomedical and clinical research. Although the reasons and drivers for specialization vary from country to country, the trend is clear. There is a high demand of experts in specific fields and a high return on application-specific calls of funding (the EU is a case in point), and there are very specific aims and aims of subspecialized journals, strategies and aims of subspecialized journals. Further, because of the need to assess academic performance using the cumulative impact factor, it seems that the potential for subspecialization in a medical area will vary according to publication in impact journals.

The trend towards subspecialization has also reached family medicine. For example, for practitioners the knowledge and skills in specific techniques such as ECG, pulmonary function tests, ultrasound, psychotherapy or

manual therapy may support the development of a specific focus in daily clinical practice. Similarly, a specific interest or competence in particular areas such as diabetes, minor surgery, patients with drug addiction or with psychosomatic diseases may support the likelihood of becoming a recognized 'specialist' in this area. This development may be followed by a self-selection of patients with that particular problem who consult the specialized GP/FD.

Likewise, in the field of family medicine research, national networks for specific topics such as for respiratory problems have developed. Internationally, special interest groups or working parties of Wonca Europe have been founded to meet the interest of colleagues in these specific fields, such as cardiovascular medicine, gastroenterology, respiratory infections or diabetes (<http://www.globalfamilydoctor.com/groups.aspx>).

A parallel development is an increase in specialized journals in the area of family medicine/general practice. There are now primary care journals on respiratory medicine (<http://www.nature.com/pcrj/>), on diabetes, on osteopathic medicine, on informatics, on cardiovascular problems, psychological therapies, and education.

Along the same line, some medical schools and universities have established primary care professorships in subspecialties such as respiratory medicine, research and development, E-health, cardiology, diabetes, research and based medical education.

Among the push factors, certainly one's personal interest or the ambition to reach an expert status may be most prominent. However, financial incentives have to be considered as well such as the implementation of primary care in different countries, the interest of patients with certain conditions, the interest and motivation of GPs towards basic research (e.g. diabetes, drug addiction).

What speaks in favor of specialization? In general, it has the potential to strengthen the discipline and to increase the level of competence and skills are easily visible and can be appreciated by colleagues and patients. It is easier to stay clinically competent in a narrow field. Similarly, it is simpler to be competent, and form in a limited number of research methodologies. Sometimes—depending on the healthcare system—GPs with a special clinical expertise may be

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Building Our Future

Conferences, scholarships & exchange programmes



Advocacy

Statements & declarations, WHO/Europe, partnerships



ORGANISATIONS IN COLLABORATION

WONCA Europe becomes visible, more organisations wish to collaborate with us

Framework for collaboration according to bylaws

Reports from **EFPC, UEMO, EMA** and **ECCO**

WONCA Europe Future Plan 2016 - 2019

INTRODUCTION

The coverage of family doctors in the European region is still not universal. General Practice / Family Medicine (GP/FM) is yet not fully recognised or fledged in many countries: there is a wide range of diversity in understanding and practicing the specialty, and a need for strengthening its proper educational content, research and evidence base. The current landscape of the European Region faces an increasing pool of challenges:

- Increasing socioeconomic inequality with severe implications for access to care and health outcomes.
- An ageing population with increased multimorbidity.
- Migration of patients and health personnel.
- A surge in the commercialisation in the demand and supply of health care.
- Growth in demand and supply for alternative medical services.
- Changes in patients' behaviour due to easily available information communication technology.
- While prompt and accurate diagnosis and treatment are still critical challenges for primary health care, there is an increasing trend of overdiagnosis and overtreatment.
- New technology providing immense possibilities, but raising serious economic and ethical challenges.
- There is insufficient recruitment of health personnel, specifically in rural areas and in other contexts with limited resources.

A robust primary health care with the family doctor in key role is essential to meet these challenges.

OUR VISION & MISSION

Our vision is that everyone shall have timely access to a highly skilled family doctor throughout the course of life unconditionally.

Our mission is to lead the development of GP/FM discipline in the Region Europe by putting in action our core values; addressing the current challenges of health and health care in the European Region; and improving the ability of our organisation to react towards change in a prompt and appropriate way.

The WONCA Europe Definition of General Practice / Family Medicine is the core document for all our actions.

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IDENTITY
increase
VISIBILITY
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INFLUENCE



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OUR FUTURE PLAN IN MOTION

COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Synergies internally, visibility externally, influence

ENGAGEMENT WITH ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS

Strengthen our academic fundament, recruit & retain future leaders

WONCA EUROPE SCHOLARSHIP

Recruit & retain the leaders of the future

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Strengthen our conferences, build framework for the future

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PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION (-> EU, - with UEMO)

NETWORKS

Increasing collaboration

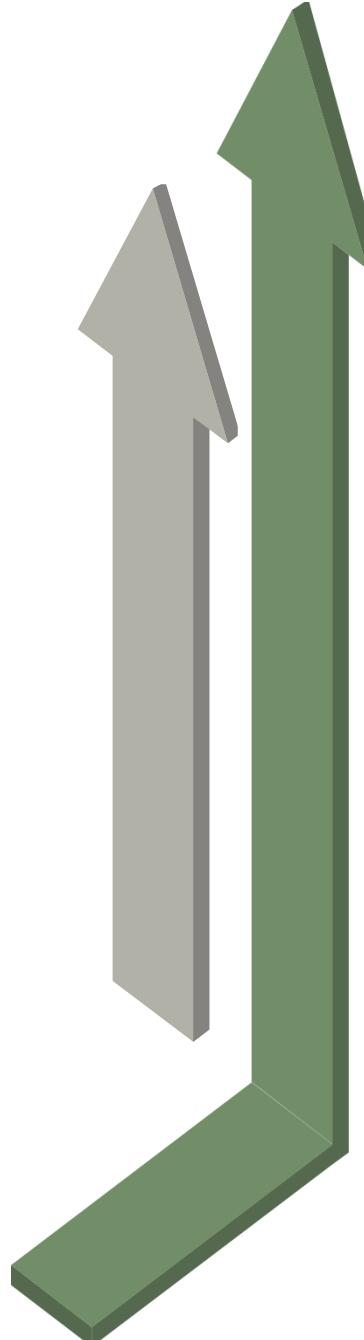
Joint venture: Position paper on
overdiagnosis & overtreatment

EQuiP: Quality indicators & data
collection

EUROPREV: Influenza prevention

EURACT: European training
requirements

VDGM: Increased bursaries





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Dr Anna Stavdal, WONCA Europe president reports on recent WONCA Europe Council endorsements:- two equity statements, the Overdiagnosis /Overtreatment position paper, and papers on Training Requirements for GP/FM, as well as Quality in family medicine.

The WONCA Europe Conference 2018 took place in Krakow, Poland, from 24-27 May, and concluded a busy and fruitful year for the region. Participants numbering 2,400, from 60 countries, participated in a conference with the core theme of "Quality, Efficiency, Equity".

Equity statements

Leading up to the conference, EQuIP (the European network on Quality and Patient Safety) had already finalised a statement, which recognises equity as an essential dimension of quality of health care (the statement was endorsed by WONCA Europe). Promoting equity was also the focus of the conference Legacy Statement, and as expected, the theme resonated with the agenda of the WONCA Europe Council too, which met prior to the conference.

[EQuIP Position Paper on Equity - a core dimension of Quality in Primary Care](#)

[Krakow 2018 Statement](#)

Overdiagnosis/ Overtreatment position paper

During the Council Meeting, the position paper on Overdiagnosis / Overtreatment was adopted,

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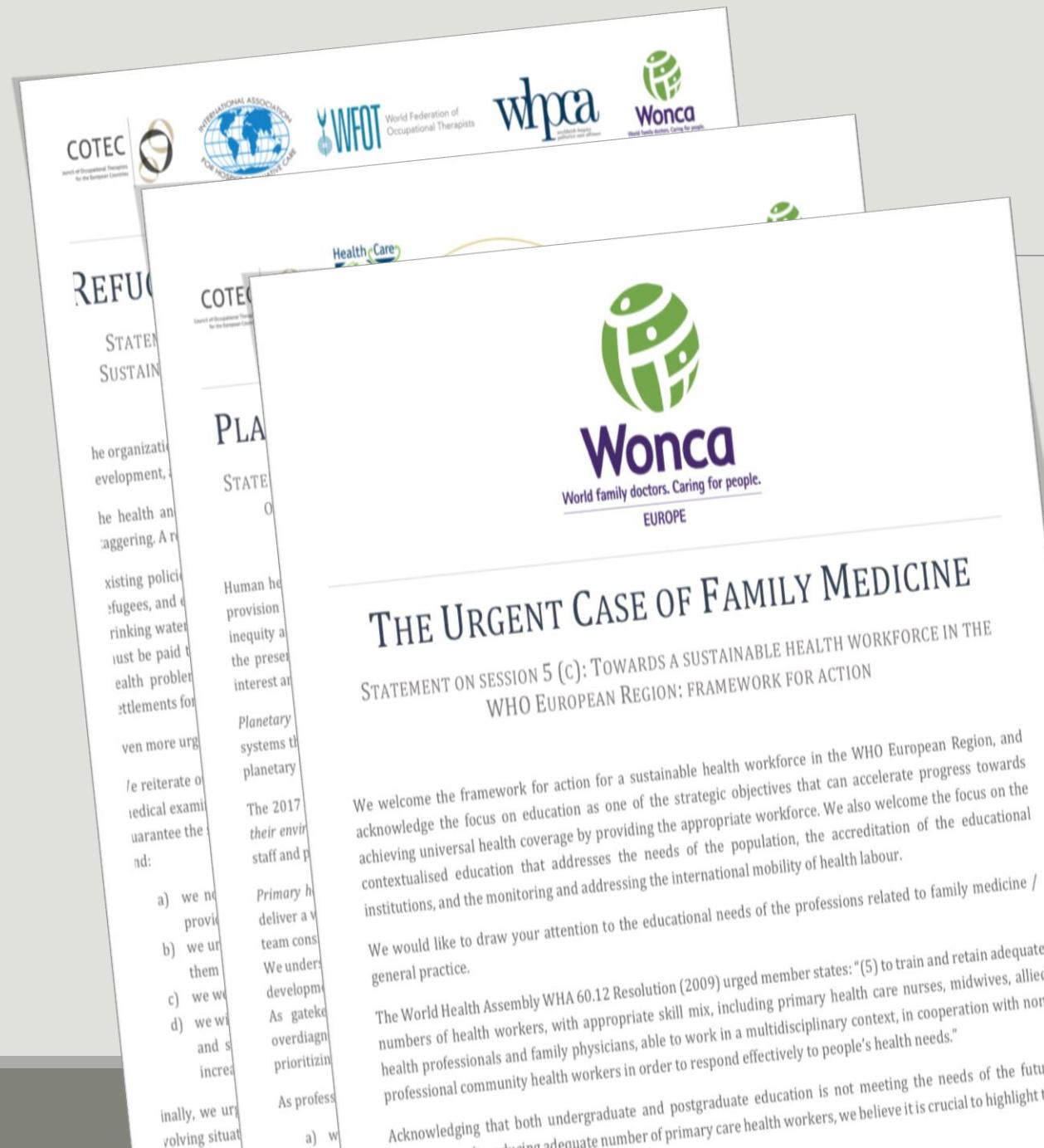
WONCA Europe -> WHO Europe

WONCA is an organisation in “official collaboration” with WHO

WONCA Europe Open Meeting : opportunity to discuss Public Health & Primary Care

A solid position in this collaboration, with WE president as focal point :

- Chair of Regional Director’s Adv Board to Almaty Primary Care center
- Member of Health Systems Foresight group
- Health system response to NCDs
- Expert meeting on the Economic Case for Primary Health Care
- International Conference Astana October 2018 (Alma Ata declaration anniversary)



WHO/Europe STATEMENT

Political Influence? Example of arena:

WHO/WONCA Joint venture: Meeting Copenhagen August 30/31 2018

Integrating public health and primary care services in the European Region

What are the emerging policy questions in relation to strengthening the integration of public health and primary care services at country level?

How can these questions best be answered to suit Member States' practical needs?

CONTENT, example: The WE position paper on overdiagnosis and overtreatment

Process:

2017: NFGP (Nordic colleges) proposal to WE Council

2017 : WE working group established

2018 : Adopted by WE Council in Krakow 2018

WHY?

WE Future PLAN:

“Lead the development of family medicine in the region”

WHAT is the potential role of WONCA in the future in
In preventing overdiagnosis?



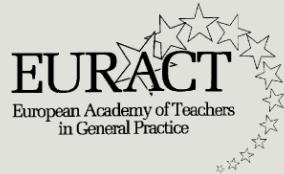
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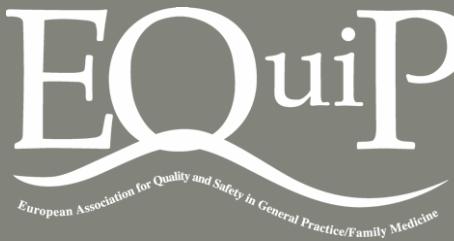
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How can the Nordic colleges contribute?



- Mission: achievement of high levels of **quality and safety of care for patients** in general practice in all European countries.
- Projects on development and evaluation with regard to **Quality Improvement** and **Quality Management and Development**.

- Mission: provide a suitable setting in which to discuss and develop **research in primary care**; to foster and coordinate **multinational studies**, to exchange experiences and to develop a validated scientific basis for general practice.
- Promotes research excellence and **supports researchers**.
- Open for individual and institutional memberships.
- **Official meetings** held twice yearly.
- Published **Research Agenda** for General Practice.

- Mission: promoting general practice/family medicine as a discipline by **learning and teaching**.
- **Support for trainers** through a network of Educators, contribution to national activities and sponsorship for participating in courses.
- **Support for trainees** through the introduction to new learning methods, the adoption of a learner-orientated approach.
- Published the **Educational Agenda**.
- Provides **courses** for Trainers and Teachers such as the Assessment Course for Trainers in Family Medicine, and the courses for Trainers in General Practice/Family Medicine.



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www.vdgm.eu

- The WONCA Europe network **for new and future General Practitioners**.
- Establishes a **communication network** and provides a **forum, support and information** for trainees and new GPs through access to WONCA Europe regional conferences and pre-conferences.
- Improving the **quality of training programmes** for general practice.
- **Collaborating with national colleges and associations** in general practice, and stimulating the formation of national representation of new and future GPs.
- Organises annual **preconferences, adhoc conferences** and **exchange programmes**.