



EQUIP report WONCA Europe Executive board - Malaga 2010

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Organisational aspects

Executive

President: Tina Eriksson

Honorary secretary: Andre Rochfort

Honorary treasurer: New person to be elected in Malaga

Member at large: Kees In't Veld

Member at large: Klas Winell

An additional member at large will be elected in Malaga, if the necessary constitutional change is accepted

WONCA World Working Party on Quality and Safety

EQUIP plan to work on a revitalisation of the working party of QI, that has been inactive for quite some years.

Working groups

Tools and methods for QI

The purpose of this project is to present comprehensive descriptions of Tools and Methods (T&M) for QI for the end user, general practitioners and primary health care teams at the T&M section of the EQUIP website. The project will include introductory texts, expert and end user descriptions and the creation of a structure to present the material for the end users. The Tools and Methods project will need substantial financial support in both in the phase of development and for later maintenance of the web instrument.

Teaching Quality Project - EQUIP, EURACT, Vasco da Gama

At the EQUIP meeting in Bucharest 2 decided that teaching Quality was one of the strategic priorities for the next 3 years. During the meeting a task group already started the discussion and came up with 4 priorities(4 projects) These priorities were discussed and approved by the assembly. We give you a short notice on things realised for each topic since then.

- 1. to produce a position paper with a proposition on the curriculum of teaching quality: which competencies/knowledge of quality themes should be obtained during teaching**

We found contact persons in the other networks and submitted an abstract for a workshop at the Wonca Europe Malaga conference 2010. The abstract was accepted and we are in the preparation of the work shop with the pilot group.

2. to publish a document/analysis of the European situation about the actual curriculum of teaching quality at the universities, their departments of family medicine, and the national colleges

After preparing the questionnaire within the working group at several closed meetings and intense communication in between meetings we reached consensus about a web-based questionnaire. We piloted the questionnaire, realised three revisions with minor and major adaptations before sending it out to delegates of the three networks in June 2010. We repeatedly have send reminders and at 15 of July we got over 150 usable answers from 27 different European countries. This dataset is now analysed. First general results will be presented at the workshop in Malaga. More detailed results will be published in a more exhaustive document in 2011.

3. to produce a web based inventory of useable information and tools to teach quality.

From the questionnaire we already got very interesting reactions about local initiatives. Depending on the priorities set out in the workshop we plan to have further workshops and interactive sessions in Equip and Wonca meetings about teaching more specific topics of quality e.g. 'how to deal with and prevent mistakes and faults'. Results of the workshops and the presentations will be posted on the equip website.

This work has been supported by WONCA Europe project funding

Professional Health

Doctor's health and quality of care is linked, as doctors in ill health provide care of lesser quality. The aim of the Professional Health Group is to create awareness among GPs that they need to take care of themselves, to shed light on the difficulties of the doctor/doctor-as-patient relation and to make health authorities aware that they need to ensure good care for doctors as patients.

Research and QI

The group is working on research networking among researchers in quality improvement and in linking generic quality improvement to implementation of research knowledge in collaboration with the special interest groups.

Long term goal is to formulate a research agenda for QI and patient safety in GP/FM in collaboration with WONCA and EGPRN.

Indicators on psycho-social elements of clinical practice in GP/FM

The psycho-social part of the consultation is difficult to measure and may be forgotten in health care systems increasingly monitored by indicators. This group works on defining indicators on that and are presenting their work on a workshop at the Malaga conference.

Conferences and meetings

Contribution to the WONCA Europe conference in Malaga

Symposia

Patient safety and medication errors in primary care: Where are we now?

Austrian EQuIP delegate prof. Andreas Soennichsen

Four examples of implementation projects in Europe

Dutch EQuIP delegate prof. Theo Verheij and representatives of five special interest groups

Workshops

- Teaching Quality improvement – in collaboration with EURACT and Vasco da Gama.
- Indicators on the psycho-social element of the consultation.
- Quality of the Electronic Medical Journal – in collaboration with the Informatics WESIG.
- International bench marking – can it uncover quality strengths and shortages?

Closed meetings and invitational conferences

38th closed EQuIP meeting Malaga 5th to 6th of October 2010

39th closed EQuIP meeting Copenhagen 6- 7 April 2011.

6th EQuIP Invitational Conference in Copenhagen 7-9 April 2011

Theme: Value for money in general practice - management and public trust.

The purpose of the EQuIP Invitational Conferences is to offer a platform of exchange of expertise for researchers and policy makers in all European countries which are involved in quality improvement in family medicine. To assure intensive discussions the number of participants of this conferences are limited to 150 who are invited by EQuIP delegates and their National Colleges.

Most of the means for the conference has been raised and the program is completed.

Invitations and call for abstracts is due in late September. See progress on

http://www.equip.ch/flx/equip_events/equip_invitational_conference_2011/

40th closed EQuIP meeting Croatia October 2011.

Courses

EQuIP course in Research in Quality Improvement, Antalya, Turkey, 2nd to 4th November 2010. The course is planned and the registration is going on now. See

http://www.aile2010.org/veri.php?git=icerik&pa=sayfa_goster&pid=9&cid=9

Leonardo da Vinci project

"Innovative continuous education of family physicians in Quality Improvement supported by information technology – InGPinQI"

The Polish EQuIP representative Dr. Tomasz Tomasik has successfully applied the Leonardo da Vinci funding with the following project: "Innovative continuous education of family physicians in Quality Improvement supported by information technology".

The proposal was submitted to the Agency of Leonardo da Vinci project in Poland at the beginning of 2010 and was accepted by LdV in Poland as well as the European Commission. As a result the contracting process will start September 2010 and the kick off meeting will take place this year. The project will start on the 1st December 2010 and runs 24 months until the 30th November 2012. The kick-off meeting is planned in December 2010 in Kraków. The total project budget is: 367 250 EUR (the source of financing is as following: LdV grant: 274 980 EUR, Partners' own funds: 92 270 EUR). The project is divided into 10 WPs, Partnership of the project consist of 6 Partners from 5 countries: PL, CZ, DK, NL, SI.

Partnership of the InGPinQI Project:

- P0 – Health & Management (project coordinator)
- P1 – The College of Family Physicians in Poland
- P2 – EQuIP
- P3 – ZRDM (Institute for development of Family medicine)
- P4 – Maastricht University (Department of International Health)
- P5 – Project HOPE Czech Republic

Work Plan in the InGPinQI Project:

- WP 1 – Analysis of the existing training programs in the field of QI in FM
- WP 2 – Mapping of successfully implemented QI projects concerning CVD aspects in GPs' practice in Europe
- WP 3 – Transfer of a SAQ tool assisting in the process of improving the professional competencies of GPs in the field of QI
- WP 4 – Development of the Guide Book
- WP 5 – Design and testing of vocational training (VET) for teachers in FM
- WP 6 – Development and testing of the Internet course dedicated to QI
- WP 7 – Development of new guidelines for the management of: arterial hypertension and diabetes mellitus
- WP 8 – Evaluation strategies
- WP 9 – Disseminations and exploitations
- WP 10 - Management

EQuIP will take part in WP2.