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Vocational training in Italy.  
A point of view about teaching  
GP in a context that is growing

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## HISTORICAL NOTES

1986 N. 457 EU guidelines  
I.L. 256/1991  
1993 N. 16 EU guidelines  
I.L. 368/99

The Italian GP vocational training has a relatively young life if compared to other European GP Schools.

Until 1994: licence to practice as medical doctor allowed to work as a GP

Graduates from 1994: two years of vocational training is mandatory to become GP in Italy

2003 (law 368/99): introduction of three-year vocational training according to EU directives.

## ORGANISATION

The National Authorities give the start to the GP scheme after providing the framework

The Regions organise the vocational training:

- a) establishing a Formative Center of vocational training (with its own managing and teaching staff) according to the local Medical Council
- b) defining the number of trainees, organising tutor training courses, practical and theoretical activities, providing links with Universities and Hospitals according to Regional resources.

## Training scheme in Italy

L206/11 31.7.2001 of the European Communities

- The general practitioner vocational training scheme requires three years' training, (a medical specialisation takes a minimum of four years)
- 2/3 practical activities (3200 hours)
  - normally two years in hospitals or Health Structures
  - one year in general practice
- 1/3 theoretical activities (1600 hours)

## Duration (years) of training for general practitioners

Setting	UK - Italy	Dk, F, D, NI, N, S (Average)
General practice	1	2
Hospital	2	2
Total training	3	4

	duration (months)	Practical activity (h)	Theoretical activity (h)
GP activity	12	1067	533
Internal Medicine	6	533	267
Territorial Medicine	6	533	267
Paediatrics	4	355	178
Surgery	3	267	133
A&E	3	267	133
Gynaecology	2	178	89
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3200</b>	<b>1600</b>

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