



VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN ITALY: A POINT OF VIEW ABOUT TEACHING GP IN A CONTEXT THAT IS GROWING

Ligurian experience: some peculiarities

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POST GRADUATE VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN LIGURIA REGION

- 1600000 people living in Liguria
- 1 Faculty of Medicine (Genoa)
- 80 trainees in the last course (3 years ago), 25 trainees every year from 2006
- 3200 hours of frequency in GPs' surgeries and in Hospital
- 1600 hours of theoretical seminars and courses



Theoretical formation

- Every class consists of 15-20 trainees
- Theoretical seminars (DL 256/1991 and foll. mod.) are divided in :
 - “interdisciplinary” seminars, about GP general principles and competences
 - “Integrated” seminars, about clinical themes
- Teaching staff: GP teachers and trainers (qualified in dedicated courses), Hospital and University Specialists



Organization of 1600 hours of theoretical formation: educational strategies

- 500 hours: seminars with teachers/tutors
- 150 hours: extra vocational training seminars and courses
- 100 hours: epidemiological research
- 60 hours: “followed” discharge of patients from hospital
- 336 hours: DTP preparation
- 454 hours: local meetings and self directed learning

Three-year period 2006/2009

- We want to offer again the same general planning of the last vocational training
- A possible development:
 - (1) DTP concerning GP themes
 - (2) Technology
 - (3) E-learning



(1) DTP

- DTP concerning GP themes: what about current state of knowledge? More accredited guide lines ? Best available evidence from systematic reviews?
- Application to GP? (GPs' interviews)
- Final report

(2) PRACTICAL TRAINING ON TECHNOLOGIES

- ECG
- ECHO
- Spirometry
- ABPM
- Simple blood-tests
- PAP test
- ECG Holter
- computer



The ECG course: an experience we've already made ...

- In the last three-year period: ten ECG seminars, each lasting 4 hours (very appreciated).
- After each session, some ECGs were given by the GP teacher to the trainee, who had to write a report within the following seminar.
- At the beginning of every session, there was a review of the ECG and a general discussion

... and another I'd like to prepare: **ECHO course**

- 15 theoretical seminars lasting 4 hours: abdomen, articulations, thyroid
- Six-month frequency in a hospital department
- The trainee must perform the USS on the patient, and then a specialist performs the test again and discusses with the trainee about the interpretation

(3) E-LEARNING

- Use of relevant WEB sites
- Italian Health Ministry, ECCE project: study of Clinical Evidence (Italian Edition) , and then answers the questions about simulated clinical cases

