

What is new on quality in Czech General Practice?

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Hot (political) topics for Czech health service

Introduction of „regulative fees“ since 1/2008:

- consultation fee (1 EUR),
- fee for day in hospital (2 EUR)
- fee for consultation out of office hours (3 EUR)

Significance for primary care:

- less consultations (<6/patient/year)
- feasibility of appointment system
- increase of income

The other hot topic: Patient safety

- quality topics discussed
- higher public awareness of patients about quality

Book on patient safety

- lawyers activities
- hospitals ambulatory care
- independent patient initiatives: www.znamylekar.cz

J.H.Tanne. How patients rate doctors, BMJ 2008;337:a1408 www.rateMDs.com

Topic N0 3: Chains in action

Background:

- average age of GPs 53 years
- 90% single handed practices
- gap in postgraduate education – few newcomers

Medical chains:

- strong capital background
- sick funds – hospital – ambulances.....in one hand
- chance for old GPs to sell the practice

What does it bring in terms of quality?

Positive developments in postgraduate education

- Individual grants for GP trainers for 2008
- Process of accreditation of training practices

Accreditation process

- Project: NATIONAL ACCREDITATION STANDARDS for primary care driven by the Czech NAS committee:
- Joint commission international accreditation:
- International standards for primary care (EPA, Maturity Matrix)

Just to remember: Prague

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