



Dear colleagues
Dear friends of our institute,

How can medical students be better prepared for the tasks they will face and have to overcome in the future?



Two new initiatives at our institute are aimed at solving precisely this problem:

Firstly we are focussing on a teaching project on how best to compile detailed medical histories for our patients and on how to guide a discussion to achieve this most effectively. By means of practical examples, students learn what makes a good physician and what is most important in the eyes of our patients.

Secondly, as part of a recognition programme, we are carrying out structured visits to the academic training practices which support us. These visits are aimed at ensuring that our students have the opportunity to get to know the most important patient concerns and to carry out diagnoses and therapies under the conditions obtained in an everyday General Practice.

If you read on, you can find more information on these and further initiatives of ours in this issue of short @nd sweet

We hope you find it interesting and informative!

Ferdinand M. Gerlach

Training physicians judged excellent by students!

Since new teaching structures were introduced as a result of the new regulations on qualifying to practice medicine, many training physicians have shown great interest in participating in student teaching programmes. Many have already been doing so for three semesters, and almost all the General Practices involved, as well as fulfilling formal recognition criteria, were considered excellent by students.

A key element in the recognition criteria are the visits to General Practices by Professor Gerlach and Dr. Gilbert.



Visit to Practice team Dr. Gündling

Getting to know the Practice and the entire Practice team is an important factor in achieving recognition.

By making a tour of the Practice with a check-list in hand, it is ensured that it fulfils the criteria laid down in the recognition guidelines. For example, it is obligatory that a Practice which takes on a student for his or her practical year have a spare consulting room. In a subsequent Team meeting, the student's impressions are discussed with the team, and sufficient time is available to consider unanswered questions about the training and the integration of the student. After the contract is signed, a photo shooting takes place with the entire Practice team.

The certificates for the first group of recognised training physicians will be awarded at a ceremony at the end of this year. The training physicians carry the title "Academic Training Practice of the Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University" from the moment the contract is signed.

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Medical history compilation and discussion guidance

A new addition to the various projects which are aimed at improving training and are promoted by the university deanery, is "Medical history compilation and discussion guidance" which has been offered by our Institute since the summer semester 2006.

The aim of the project is to provide the student with a uniform basic training on how, as a physician, to guide a discussion to obtain detailed medical histories. To begin with, the idea is to provide the training to students participating in the course "Introduction to Clinical Medicine" in the fourth semester of their studies. The aim is to develop training modules for medical students in cooperation with the medical centres for internal medicine, paediatrics and psychosomatic medicine. More advanced students can then integrate further modules into their studies at a later stage.

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New online databank for reporting system "every error counts"



With immediate effect www.jeder-fehler-zählt.de offers all those who send us their reports on a regular basis the chance to search for errors systematically in an online databank.

Up to now, only showcase reports have been published by our Institute as "Error of the week" or "Error of the month". Now all the other error reports we have received will be published.

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Database Portal

Users have the opportunity to quickly compare errors made in their own Practices with similar ones made elsewhere. The comparisons and comments made by other users will provide useful tips on how such mistakes can be avoided in the future.

How to use the databank

Following the entry of an error report, you will receive a valid code for access to the databank. Furthermore, you will receive a report number enabling you to quickly find your own error report.

On the databank's homepage, you will find the most recent error reports and most recently received comments on any particular error report.. Furthermore, you can also comment yourself on any one of the error reports in the online databank, or search the databank for a particular report. [Access online databank...](#)

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Error research to be continued – Practices wanted!

At 11-35%, errors in prescribed medication are responsible for a large proportion of errors made in General Practices. In this respect, the age of a patient, the number and seriousness of his illnesses and the medication that is prescribed as a result are all risk factors as far as medicinal treatment is concerned. We would like to test a catalogue of criteria for the identification of tricky medication problems. In order to achieve this, we are looking for Practices that are able to recruit at least 10 suitable patients. The patients should be more than 65 years of age and should receive at least five different medicines. In addition to explaining our intent to the patient and one-off documentation to be completed by yourself, we would carry out a telephone interview with the patient in order to gain further details. The information would then be evaluated with the help of a clinical pharmacologist. We would then discuss the results with you on an informal basis.

A further cause of errors in medication are errors in dosage, especially in patients with kidney dysfunction. For this reason we are preparing an intervention study. For six months, participants in the study would be provided with a programme with which creatinine clearance would be easy to determine and which would indicate any necessary changes in dosage. In both cases, we would provide compensation. We have also applied for

the application of the programme to be officially recognised as vocational training.

We are looking forward to your interest and participation.

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A Group of Experts including Professor Gerlach discuss preventive medicine and early diagnoses

On 23.05.06, Professor Gerlach took part in the Deutschlandfunk radio station's programme "Consultation Hour". Following a studio discussion on the subject of "preventive medicine and early diagnoses", listeners had the opportunity to pose their own questions to Professor Muehlhauser (Hamburg University) and Professor Gerlach.

[To Consultation Hour \(in German\)...](#)

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