



short @nd sweet news

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Dear colleagues, Dear friends of our institute!

The time has come at last! On June 4, 2007 the executive board of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Frankfurt decided to appoint a search committee for a new W2 professor in "Chronic Care and



Healthcare Research" at (!) the Institute for General Practice". A few days later the decision was unanimously supported by the faculty council.

Chronic illnesses and associated healthcare problems are one of the major challenges facing both GP practices and the healthcare system as a whole. By establishing this professorship, our institute will be able to strengthen its resources in one of the areas of focus in which we are convinced there is still a great deal of work to be done.

Naturally we are very pleased to receive this recognition of what we have achieved to date and would like to invite you to follow further developments in the future. In short @nd sweet we will keep you posted ...

Ferdinand M. Gerlach

Change the Date: 1st Frankfurt General Practice Day



The date of the first Frankfurt General Practice Day which we announced in our March newsletter has changed!!

Please save the new date
April 26, 2008.

All Practice Teams (GPs and doctors' assistants) at our teaching and research practices throughout the Rhine-Main area, are invited to participate. A large number of interactive workshops will be offered "by GPs for GPs" at our Institute and the University Clinic, as well as insight into our research and teaching work. Practice teams will also have the opportunity to take part in special additional events, from a guided tour through the clinic to practical exercises.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

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Summer Symposium of the Praxis- siegel Foundation on July 6, 2007



It is generally accepted that the systematic introduction of

quality management at a doctor's practice is very beneficial. Nevertheless "Quality Management" appears to be an overused term and one that many medical personnel are tired of hearing. The Praxissiegel Foundation (Stiftung Praxissiegel e.V. - founded by the Bertelsmann Stiftung and TOPAS Germany e.V. for more quality and transparency in healthcare) regards this view as unjust and would like you to join us in taking a look at where we stand today, three years after the original commitment to introduce quality management in doctor's practices was made.

The event will take place from 10:00 am to 4:20 pm on July 6, 2007

in [the North Rhine-Westphalia state agency of the Federal Government](#) in Berlin.

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Revamp of the course “Introduction to Clinical Medicine“

The new Medical Licensure Act envisages instruction in the art of communication. Current medical education is regarded as lacking in this respect, and the aim of a new teaching project, sponsored by the university deanship and for which the Institute of General Medicine is responsible, is the development of a new concept for the preliminary medical course “Introduction to Clinical Medicine”.

What is new?

Seven modules have been developed with the aim of providing students with a standardised, substantiated basic training in medical interviewing and anamnesis techniques. In preparation, the lecturers received a whole day’s training. The new concept will be implemented in the form of seven modular tuition units in 30 parallel groups. The course will be evaluated on several levels, using a number of different polling instruments:

- Around 400 students and 30 lecturers will evaluate individual modules, as well as the course as a whole, with regard to practicability, total satisfaction, and subjective learning progress, and can then make suggestions for improvement.
- The learning progress of all students will be measured by

means of a written test at the end of the semester.

- In autumn, an intervention group comprising around 30 students will be assessed using standardised instruments (Calgary-Cambridge guideline) as part of an Objective Structured Clinical Evaluation. The appraisal will assess how students conduct a medical interview and take an anamnesis.

The new concept provides all necessary teaching and presentation materials in one toolbox. Each of the seven modules is clearly structured according to content and topic.

One part of the course will cover communication theory and include communication basics, conversation techniques and styles, feedback, information on how to conduct a medical interview and the relationship between doctor and patient.

A further practical part will involve taking an anamnesis, as well as appraisals on the basis of checklists.

The new modular concept and initial evaluation results (practicability and learning progress) will be presented in September 2007.

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[To teaching area \(in German\)..](#)

Summer celebration for practice participants in the PРоMPT-research project

The Institute for General Practice is organising a summer party for all the GP Practices participating in the PРоMPT survey. The reason is the imminent conclusion of PРоMPT I, the successful cooperation over the past months and the huge commitment to the survey demonstrated by the research practices. Without such commitment it would not have been possible to conduct the survey at all.

An invitation will be sent to all participating practices soon.

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