



HEPMP project Newsletter

Erasmus+ project Capacity Building in Higher Education

Strengthening Capacities for Higher Education of Pain Medicine in Western Balkan countries – HEPMP

Why HEPMP project

- Pain is probably one of the oldest and most universal forms of stress and one of the earliest sufferings of humankind.
- Pain is the follower of many diseases and conditions: Rheumatoid arthritis, postherpetic neuralgia, degenerative spine conditions, osteoarthritis, AIDS, migraine, diabetic neuropathy, and phantom pain are examples of chronic pain as well as cancer.
- In the economic sphere, it is estimated that the cost to treat patients with chronic pains exceeds the total cost to treat patients with heart disease, cancer, and AIDS.
- Prolonged pain is among the major causes of absence from work, sick leaves, disability retirement, severance pay, and low productivity. It is a problem of public health for its prevalence, high cost, and negative impact on the quality of life of patients and their families.
- Despite the efforts and the fact that it is as old as humanity itself, pain neither has been completely understood nor can be totally controlled.
- Low awareness of the importance of treating pain lies amongst the public and health care professionals.
- Number of doctors trained for pain medicine is insufficient.
- We need to improve knowledge about pain and raise awareness, both professionals – healthcare workers, and society, about the significance of this problem.

HEPMP Aims

- Capacities for Higher Education of Pain Medicine in Western Balkan Countries
- Development of Pain medicine service provision in the country by providing qualified trained staff.
- Support will be granted to operationalize the recently established educational program in the form of pain medicine specialization and the possibility of the development of undergraduate education programs.
- Establish an academic network and improve professional cooperation through opportunities provided by new technologies (Internet, telemedicine, etc.)

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The HEPMP project kicked off

Pain Management and Palliative Care

The training of the partner country staff in the field of pain management and palliative care will be organised between 20th and 22nd May 2020 at the University of Florence.

Three-day training is inspected to be attended by the representatives of the University of Belgrade, University of Kragujevac, University of Banja Luka, University of Tuzla, University of Montenegro, UCHC Dr Dragisa Misovic - Dedinje, Belgrade

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About the University of Florence



Clinical offer that University of Florence has in terms of Pain Therapy. With 126 Degree courses organized in 10 Schools, with a population of about 51.000 enrolled students, the School of Medicine is the responsible for the training, assessment, practice and continuing professional development of specialist medical practitioners in the management of pain. It supports a multi-disciplinary approach to pain management, with the Pain Medicine Unit existing since 1970, as well as Postgraduate school in Anesthesiology, Intensive Care and Pain therapy. The Careggi Teaching Hospital cooperates together with the University of Florence, providing care for more than 3.500 outpatients with acute, chronic, and cancer pain problems. They have "Hub and Spoke" model where patients are treated with complex assistance. This model ensures the continuity of care of the patient from the hospital to their home, including the whole set of health care facilities and professionals dedicated to supply palliative care and pain control at all stages of the disease and for any type of patient.

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