

ECPCP – BVKJ
Conference

**Paediatric Primary Care Services for
better health of children in Europe**

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ECPCP is unique- why ?

- There is no other association... who represents primary care paediatricians in Europe
- ...who points out the advantages of the well trained pediatric working force in ambulatory child care
- There is evidence ... that PCP work better than GPs
- GPs in many countries have unmet needs in child health training

This evidence is clear

- that PCP work with more cost- efficiency using adequate drugs and diagnostic measures
- that PCP stick better to guidelines
- there is uncertainty that the professional activities of PCP yield better results and outcomes in countries with and without pediatricians in ambulatory care

There are other organizations....

- There are other organizations' who represent pediatrics as a entire field in primary care, secondary care, tertiary care. This division care is outdated.
- Essential is the integration between all parts of the health system and one of the chances is electronic networking *we will hear more about it today*
- Health centres where PCP work together with other professionals are implemented in many countries and *we will hear more about it today*

Integration a buzz word?

The outcome of a severe ill child with pneumonia depends for example entirely from the adequate recognition , the rapid referral, the transport and the capacity of the hospital – the essential reality lies between the parts of the system

The everlasting question...

- Which health system is better for children?
- No simple answer! Be careful!
- Depends very much on the perspective
- Depends very much on the country where you come from....

- This morning you will hear more about the diversity and the challenges in the different countries in Europe
- There are indicators of child health as mortality, specific morbidities- well known to all of you published by OECD, UNICEF or WHO

Nightmare

...one of my nightmares that I am suddenly left alone in unknown university hospital in a cold room with a blue preterm baby and nobody is there to help me ...no oxygen ...no nurse ...nobody helps me ...then I wake up

Paediatricians and the health system

- Doctors do not work alone
- Paediatricians work cannot be attributed easily to the outcome indicators because... they work in a system (infrastructure, personell, laws, regulations, cooperation)
- they work in a team
- the system has to support the provider to do his job

The health system and the doctor

- A excellent physician in a poor health system can perhaps heal one patient but he will not have an impact on public child health in his country
- On the other hand in many countries the society see children as a priority and cares for accident prevention and the best immunization coverage and they do that effectively without many trained paediatricians in primary care.. surprise?

ECPCPs unique objective

- We have to be close to politicians and advise them in their programs for child health in general
- Therefore we as ECPCP should have an influence on paediatric health systems discussing with politicians about the best workforce for the best results

Why talk about health centres?

- That is the unique opportunity for ECPCP to ask how should Paediatric Primary Care Services be organized in the future for better health of children in Europe
- Identify out of our own experience features of successful examples of organization for paediatric care (health centres?)