Teaching EBM in GP in The Netherlands
The power of a national network

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Background

Eight academic university GP teaching centers
GP specialty training program of three years
EBM is essential part of all curricula

GP EBM teachers form a unique national network
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Aims

Shared vision on GP EBM education: main focus on learning to apply EBM in daily GP

Supporting further implementation of EBM in local GP education programs for trainees, supervisors and staff

Sharing

- new ideas
- best practices
- teaching methods
- materials
- happy and less happy moments in teaching EBM
EBM teachers of the eight GP teaching centers regularly share local experiences, obstacles and best practices

- Monthly online meetings
- Two times a year live

Themes relevant to EBM teaching practice scheduled and discussed

Online platform for sharing teaching materials and guest access accounts for each local electronic learning environment
Results

Shared vision on EBM teaching and collaboration on the development of teaching materials

In workshops and conferences for GP supervisors and staff we were able to advocate integrating EBM in (teaching) practice

Shared research of EBM teaching

Teaching goals, competencies and curriculum at a national level

- EBM quality indicators formulated to be part of the quality assessment of the GP specialty training institutes
- EBM core competencies for trainees formulated
- EBM teachers empowered to increase allocated EBM teaching time in their local curriculum
- EBM part of professional and educational training of all new GP teachers
- New GP EBM teachers brought up to speed on current knowledge and state-of-the-art teaching methods
Limits

Small country

Existing collaboration between the eight GP specialty training institutes
Conclusions

• Sharing a clear vision on EBM teaching, sharing best practices and research results empowers individual EBM teachers in local settings of GP specialty training

• This helps to emphasize the importance and implementation of teaching EBM competencies for GP trainees, useful for GP practice

• Enables continuity of this shared vision and goals