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Merging of hospitals

Merging of hospitals and building large hospitals are current trends in many European countries with two main goals: the outcomes of health care are better in large hospitals which provide services to many medically similar cases and economic reasons. Many relevant health-economic researches have proven that average costs of health care are lower in hospitals with more hospital beds i.e. in hospitals where fix part of costs are being allocated to larger number of “outputs” (patients).

Having these main reasons in mind, the Government of Croatia passed a decision last year that largest hospitals in Croatia’s capital – Zagreb are to be merged in larger hospital units. Accordingly to this decision a document “Net of public health service” has been changed. Croatian Minister of health made a special accent on these changes emphasising that centres of excellence can only be a result of concentrating the resources: personnel, knowledge and medical equipment.

Health legislation

During past year at least two major documents relevant for hospital sector were passed:

Regulation on criteria for categorisation of hospitals – which regulates categories of hospitals and brings criteria based on which Ministry of Health decides upon category of a certain hospital and

Regulation on accreditation standards for hospitals – which regulates accreditation standards such as: system of insurance and improvement of quality of health care, management of hospitals, employees of hospitals, list of provided health services, rights of patients, medical records service etc. This Regulation is based on the provisions of the Law on the quality of health care.

Education for Physicians

“Education for Physicians: A Comparison of Slovenia, Croatia and Italy” was the title of trilateral meeting held in May on Brioni islands in Croatia on which representatives of three countries gave an insight into current situation of access to the Medical Schools and contents of the program of studies, continuing medical education.

The meeting was followed by signing of the Memorandum of Understanding for the mutual recognition of CME credits among Slovenia, Croatia and Italy and Protocol of intent to encourage the exchange of physicians in specialist training with a view to a mutual knowledge of clinical-welfare, technological and organizational models among Slovenia, Croatia and the Universities of Trieste, Udine, Bari, Chieti, Padua and Ancona.

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