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Political changes in Croatian health system

Following the elections held in November 2011. (won by the centre-left coalition of political parties), Croatia has a new Health Minister since December 2011. Former Ministry of Healthcare and Social Welfare became since then Ministry of Health. New Ministry's goals are:

- to re-organize and improve the system of emergency medical services;
- employment of more general practitioners (in order to make health care easier accessible to all citizens);
- development of health infrastructure and investments in human resources;
- computerization of health system;
- organization and implementation of telemedicine services in health system.

Health legislation

As well as in other fields, in the field of health care during past year several legal acts relevant for hospital sector were passed:

1. Regulation on conditions, organization and methods of performing telemedicine;
2. Regulation on accreditation procedure of provider of health care;
3. Regulation on specialist training of medical doctors.

Several health related laws had to undergo some changes as well.

Symposium on physicians' liability – insurance, mediation and other aspects

For the 5th year Croatian Medical Chamber has organised a Symposium meant to deal with acute problems of physicians and health system. This year Symposium's (held in March in Opatija) leading topic was insurance of physicians against professional liability. The reason for this is increasing number of legal proceedings against health institutions combined with negative publicity of doctors in the media. The lecturers were doctors, lawyers, judges, representatives of insurance companies and people of diverse professions who are licensed mediators. According to the current legislation, employed physicians are insured for the cases of professional liability by their employer and they are not obligated to insure themselves. Since there is an increase of cases with malpractice elements, mediation is being taken into consideration as it seems to be a quicker more efficient procedure for compensation of patients with less costs for all parties. For the purpose of this Symposium, Croatian delegation at the AEMH sent a short questionnaire in January with the intention of collecting experiences and legal regulations of this issue in other European countries and received some valuable replies for which we extend our gratitude.

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