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Croatian health system is facing a shortage of medical and nursing staff. After the epidemic subsides, health system reforms are loudly called for again. There is a common public and professional agreement about urgent need for changes in financing health care services and workers, running health care institutions, and flexibility in insurance policies. Since 2013 when Croatia joined EU, 1021 doctors left Croatia (total number of doctors in Croatia 15 729) which is 6,5%; average age is 36y, average age of experience 8.

COVID-19 in Croatia

Status: 1. 05.2022

Tests performed so far: 4.854.797

Cases confirmed overall: 1.123.038

Current active cases: 77.132

In hospital: 437

Confirmed deaths: 15.868

Vaccinations

57% of the overall population with at least one dose,

55.7 % of the population have a valid vaccination certificate

As from April 9th 2022, the Croatian government has removed most of the coronavirus restrictions including mandatory masks in many indoor places. The obligation to wear mask now only applies in hospitals, pharmacies, elderly, and nursing homes. In other public spaces the masks are recommended, but not obligatory.

As from April 13th 2022, acting related to quarantine measures is at the level of a recommendation.

The Croatian Medical Chamber's role and activities in the promotion of COVID-19 vaccination

From January to May 2021. CMC and eight other health chambers conducted a joint public health campaign "You have knowledge, be an example!". The aim of the campaign was to further inform health professionals about the importance and all aspects of vaccination against the SARS-CoV-2 virus, to further increase the number of HCWs who decide to get a jab and finally to achieve the rate of vaccinated HCWs of at least 70%. Subsequent survey showed that, despite the strong spring 3rd wave of the epidemic, the total number of health workers who were infected with SARS-CoV-2 by May (24%) did not differ significantly from

the total number of those who were infected by January 2021. (19%). This indirectly indicates the effectiveness of vaccination as most health professionals were vaccinated in January and February 2021.

Humanitarian action "Croatian doctors for Ukraine"

Since the beginning of the brutal aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, the Croatian Medical Chamber has expressed solidarity and sympathy with Ukrainian doctors and other health professionals, as well as with the entire Ukrainian people. In just two weeks in April 2022, Croatian doctors donated 46,000 euros to help Ukrainian colleagues and citizens as part of the humanitarian action "Croatian Doctors for Ukraine" launched by the Croatian Medical Chamber. By the decision of the Executive Board, the Chamber donated an additional 40,000 euros to help Ukrainian doctors. The funds raised was paid into a dedicated account of the CPME. The primary purpose for which the collected funds will be used is the purchase, transport and distribution of medical supplies (medicines, medical products, medical equipment, etc.) to Ukraine and the provision of medical assistance to refugees.

Croatian Electronic Medical Education - HeMED

On the occasion of World Health Day on April 7, 2022, the Croatian Medical Chamber in collaboration with the Innovative Pharmaceutical Initiative and firm Placebo enabled all Croatian citizens to permanently for free use the multimodal online platform "Croatian Electronic Medical Education - HeMED". HeMED is a digital platform in the Croatian language that provides citizens with verified health information through a simple search of various medical publications, including the HALMED drug database and the HZZO (major Croatian medical insurance company) drug list. One of the major goals of HeMED is to improve the health literacy of Croatian citizens.

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