



# Newsletter

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# Welcome

Dear colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to invite you to the very *1st European Congress of General Practitioners* - and also the *53rd EQuIP Assembly Meeting* - which will take place March 23-24, 2018 in Bratislava, Slovakia.

We, the Congress Organisers, invite experts, who have been focusing on and working with the quality, safety, and efficiency of health care in European countries for many years. We, the Participants, will have an opportunity to discuss the following three topics of the EQuIP 2018 Congress - selected because improvement is currently needed - with them:

- The first topic is the **Quality of Medical Education**, which affects the quality, safety, efficiency and effectiveness of health care
- The second topic is **eHealth** and whether it improves Quality and Safety in General Practice in our everyday work or not?
- The last topic will be about **preventing overdiagnosis and overtreatment**

I am looking forward to your participation and rich conversations about the three topics mentioned above, which would contribute to improving both the recognition of General Practitioners and the Health Care for our patients.

With best wishes,

Štefan Krnáč

Congress President  
Slovakian EQuIP Delegate



## The Safe Quality Track for 22nd Wonca Europe Conference, 28 June to 1 July 2017, Prague

Workshop: "Deprescribing as a patient safety tool in primary care - a joint WWPQSFM & EQUIP & GdT semFYC Seguridad del Paciente workshop"

Workshop: "How do different countries handle quality indicator data and what can we learn from each other?"

Workshop: "Low back pain. A multidisciplinary approach"

Workshop: "Mental health and safety - a joint EUROPREV, EQuIP and Wonca SIGFV (Family Violence) Workshop"

Workshop: "Safety inequalities related to socio-economic status: How primary care may reduce them?"

Workshop: "Teaching quality and safety to family medicine trainees - best practice examples"

Workshop: "The aftermath of adverse effects in primary care: interventions to reduce its impact on health care teams - a joint WWPQSFM & EQUIP & GdT semFYC Seguridad del Paciente workshop"

Workshop: "Work stress and job burnout can compromise patient safety and quality of care: How do Wonca Europe member organisations support general practitioners?"

Oral Presentation: "How can we organize social accountable primary care?"

Oral Presentation: "Personalized self-management support based on an assessment of barriers for self-management and the social support network"

Oral Presentation: "Effectiveness of a medication adherence tool with personalized support"



## Happy World Family Doctor Day!

World Family Doctor Day (FDD) - 19th May - was first declared by WONCA in 2010 and it has become a day to highlight the role and contribution of family doctors in health care systems around the world. 2017 FDD Theme: **Depression.**

Here is a video from the amazing Young Doctor Movement (YDM) physicians of WONCA!

#LetsTalk and reduce the stigma of Mental Illness & Depression. #WFDD2017 #TimeToTalk #TimeToListen





# EQUIP Patient Safety Conference: The Dublin Declaration

## Dublin Declaration

European family doctors launch **The Dublin Declaration** on patient safety and demand adequate resources for general practice.

Please click here [for the Dublin Declaration](#).



The 2017 Dublin conference of general practitioners from 30 European countries has agreed a call for action to improve safety in healthcare for patients and to fight for adequate resources in general practice to deliver safer better healthcare across Europe.

The two-day EQUIP Conference on Patient Safety, hosted by the Irish College of General Practitioners, issued **The Dublin Declaration** calling on the 44 member organisations of Wonca Europe to highlight patient safety issues and to demand adequate resources in general practice to deliver better safer healthcare.

WONCA (World Organisation of National Colleges and Academies for Family Practice) is a global agency including over 80,000 GPs, and EQUIP is the WONCA Europe network organisation for quality and safety in primary healthcare.

Patient safety was the theme of the two-day conference held on 3rd and 4th March in Dun Laoghaire. Full details of the conference can be found at [www.icgp.ie/equip](http://www.icgp.ie/equip).

The Dublin Declaration, supported by the ICGP, EQUIP and WONCA, calls upon all Wonca Europe member organisations to:

1. **Acknowledge** the unique context of general practice within the greater health system
2. **Engage** with patients
3. **Encourage** collaboration between governments, policy-makers and other stakeholders for further development of safety initiatives to protect patients and health professionals from harm
4. **Fight** for adequate resources in general practice to deliver better safer healthcare
5. **Reaffirm** the commitment of WONCA Europe to support and advise decision makers in line with WHO Technical Series on Safer Primary Care
6. **Address** the lack of research and measurement of safety in primary care
7. **Emphasise** the importance of collaboration on integrating safety in medical education and training curricula and continuous professional development

The Conference included many studies from abroad, and in Ireland, where individual GPs, practices and departments of family practice took concrete actions to reduce patient risk and improve quality of care.

*"Safety is not an impersonal series of metrics in management,"* observed Anna Stavdal, President of WONCA, "it is an ethical choice of crucial importance every day for doctors and the people who come to them for personal care."

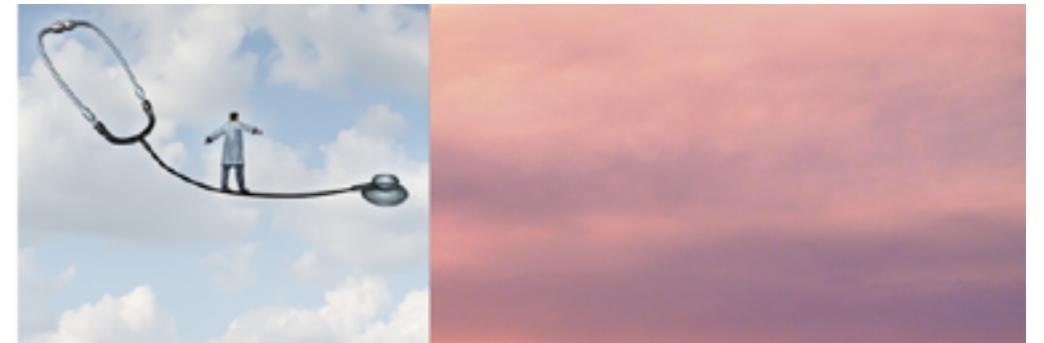
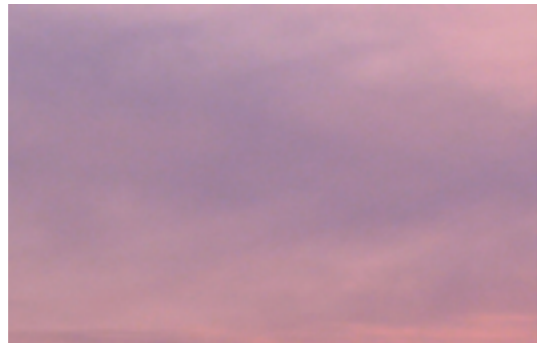
Dr Andrée Rochfort, Wexford, GP and Secretary of EQUIP, who was the Irish organiser of this international conference said: *"The Dublin Declaration puts patient safety and fighting for adequate resources for safer healthcare at the heart of the work of the 44 member organisations who were at the EQUIP conference. The Declaration is the cornerstone of the 2017 conference."*

She added: *"The Declaration shows that adequate resourcing of general practice is not just an issue for us here in Ireland but is of central importance across Europe."*

Twitter: #EQUIPDublin2017

## Call for Abstracts:

# 3rd International Meeting on Well-being and Performance in Clinical Practice (WELLMED 3)



It is our pleasure to invite you to the 3rd International Meeting on "Well-being and Performance in Clinical Practice". Following the success of our previous meetings (May 2014 & May 2016) this meeting will bring together experts from diverse disciplinary backgrounds in order to present and discuss innovative ways of linking health professional well being to patient safety and quality of care.

The conference will explore how burnout and well-being are related to different aspects of quality of care and patient safety, in terms of clinical decision making, communication in clinical practice, medical errors, quality of care, civility at workplace and patient neglect.

The conference will take place on 9 – 13 May 2018, in the Olympus Riviera, Pieria, Greece.

The **deadline for abstract submission is July 15, 2017**. Please visit our [website for abstract submission guidelines](#).

Looking forward to welcoming you to WELLMED 2018 in Greece!

Collegiate Regards,  
Dr. Efharis Panagopoulou  
<http://wellmed.gr/>

### WELLMED 3 Keynote Speakers:

- Christina Maslach, University of California, Berkeley, USA
- Ronald M. Epstein, University of Rochester Medical Center, USA
- Kevin Eva, University of British Columbia, Canada, Editor in Chief, Journal of Medical Education
- Michael West, Lancaster University, UK, Head of Thought Leadership, The King's Fund.

### WELLMED 3 Network:

- Tessa Richards, BMJ Senior Editor - Patient Partnership
- Aneez Esmail, University of Manchester, UK
- Charles Vincent, University of Oxford, UK
- Jane Lemaire, University of Calgary, Canada
- David Bates, Editor Journal of Patient Safety, USA
- Bryan Sexton, Duke University Health System, USA
- Hardeep Singh, Houston VA Health Services, USA

### Special Sessions:

- WELLMEDucate, will be chaired by Dr. Eva Doherty, Director of the Human Factors and Patient Safety, Royal College Surgeons, Ireland, Member of the Editorial Board, BMC, Medical Education
- WELLMED-Primary Care, this section will be led by Dr. Andrée Rochfort, GP, and the EQuIP-WONCA group (European Association for Quality in General Practice)
- WELLMED-Nursing focusing on the issues of well being and patient safety in nursing practice
- WELLMED Young Researchers in Action is organizing an Applied Research Seminar for early career scientists, on Wednesday 9 May, 2018, prior to the opening of the WELLMED 3 conference.

We are very excited to introduce the new group of WELLMED Young Researchers in Action, whose aim is to support early-career scientists by promoting international research collaborations, organize seminars with specific topics of interest, and provide a platform for participants to present research in progress and receive feedback from our WELLMED network experts.

- Master class: "How to Design, Develop and Evaluate Healthy Work-Places in Healthcare"

Following the success of the previous master class, this year's Master Class by Christina Maslach will focus on the principles and techniques of designing, and evaluating healthy work places.

Using the Areas of Work-Life Model participants will learn how to enhance engagement and resilience in healthcare work places. The master class will take place on 9 May, 2018, prior to the opening of the WELLMED 3 conference.

# Next EQuIP Conferences and Assembly Meeting

## 52nd EQuIP Assembly Meeting

The next Autumn Meeting will be held from 16-18 November 2017 in Zagreb (Croatia) at Andrija Štampar School of Public Health, Rockefeller St 4. More information will be provided soon.



**Nguyen Van Nhieu André**  
 26. november 2016 - Zacetje, Krspina-Zagorje County, Croatia

The traditional restaurant in Croatia where Piet Vanden Bussche, president of EQuIP gives a formal warming speech and thanks our hosts. Warm places, good food, fireplace and wine can bring people together and is allowing some space to rest during this hardworking days. Essential time for EQuIP delegates 😊



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👤 Du, Christina Svanholm, Sofia Dimopoulou og 18 andre

## 53rd EQuIP Assembly Meeting

The next Spring Meeting will be held from 23-24 March 2018 in Bratislava (Slovakia) 2018. More information will be released soon.

SHERATON BRATISLAVA HOTEL    23. - 24. MARCH 2018, BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

### MEETING TOPICS

- Good teaching quality makes excellent GPs and good health care
- How can E-Health improve quality of GP praxis, failures, advantages, first problems and route to be better
- How Can GP like corner stone decrease overdiagnosis and overtreatment?  
Is really GP the corner stone of the best health care?

### IMPORTANT DATES

Conference Dates	March 23 -24, 2018
Abstract Submission	June 1, 2017
Abstract Submission Deadline	October 1, 2017
Notification of accepting abstracts	January 10, 2018

### Meeting Secretariat

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# 5th French EQuiP Summer School

The 5th EQuiP French speaking Summer School will be held from 5-8 July 2017 on the theme of "Quality improvement in primary care: Leading a research or an action".

## GPs, Nurses, Pharmacists, Midwives, Physiotherapists...

You've got an idea for improvement, a more or less elaborated project in Quality and Safety in Primary Care, including organizational issues?

## Researchers in General Practice, Primary Care or Health Services Research...

You'd like to build an implementation research project or to share views and questions with European health care researchers and professionals?

*It's like a chamber music seminar, everyone works his or her partition alone, or in trio or quintet, then gets help from a master. The experts give presentations and concerts.*

*At the end of the seminar, GP trainees have hearings to show the progress of their projects: Results are generally impressive.*

- A 3-day residential seminar to put forward your project, alone or with other members of your team, to get training in Quality and Safety with advanced French-speaking European experts.
- A protected time, far from the daily hustle, in an old French village in Provence.

### Date

July 5 2017 14:00 to July 8 13:00.

### Venue

St Paul Trois Châteaux, 26130 (Drôme –France)

### Rate

900 € all included

### Registration

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