

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE: A BRIDGE BETWEEN ACADEMY AND GENERAL PRACTICE

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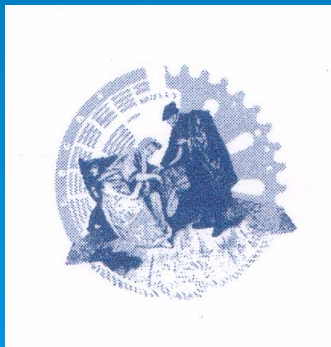
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The Department of Family Medicine (DFM) in Italy

- The Department of Family Medicine (DFM) doesn't exist in Italy!
- Ideally it should be a reference structure in Primary Care (P.C.) area, organised and recognised as interface between Family Doctors, Health Authorities, Hospitals and Universities, to work, exchange culture and elaborate projects on assistance, education, evaluation on efficacy and quality.

Who needs DMF?

- **GPs** have to organise themselves with Quality and Autonomy.
- **The University** has to use Family Doctors' Practices for teaching General Medicine .
- **Students** in Medicine need undergraduate knowledge for a real choice for life.
- **Graduates** need a specialistic culture to grow-up in the profession.
- **NHS** needs to refer to a "well organized" structure in Primary Care area to manage Public Health to the best.

DMF's Objectives:

- To create a reference structure in P.C. area for all Family Doctors, Health Authorities, Hospital, Universities.
- To get recognised autonomy pointed to Continuous Professional Development, Research, Projects, and Health Policies.
- To promote high professional standards in GPs' practices
- To link with other Departments at local, national, international level
- To realise a total high level in teaching and specific areas for research

How to organize it...

- **DFM has to be managed by a staff of GPs working in:**
 - clinical activities,
 - teaching,
 - prevention,
 - research,
 - and involving, as leaders, other GPs in projects and programmes.
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➤ **Academy**

- Teaching facilities
- Research supports
- Curriculum Career

➤ **Health Authorities**

- Structural support and organizing facilities

➤ **Medical Council**

- Intraprofessional agreement

A "sustainable" model: the bridge!

