How does a curriculum have to look like to be attractive for young and future GPs



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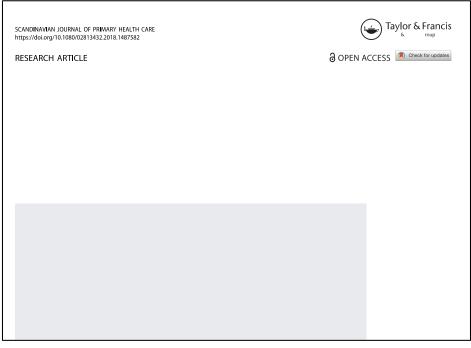
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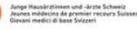
























Background

- In need of general practitioners (GPs) in all part of Switzerland
- Policy makers invest in medical education (+100 Mio) as well as postgraduate GP training (i.e. Praxisassistenz)
- Postgraduate education: key period to choose career¹
- Call for GP training (aka "curriculum")
- But what makes a curriculum attractive for those to participate in such programs in the future?

Methods

Design: cross-sectional online survey in 2017

Population: future and young GPs:

- Medical students: 6th year students (5 universities: N=893), excluding those dedicated not to become GPs (n=66)
- *GP trainees*: JHaS, CRMF (N=949), excluding who is already in practice (n=127)

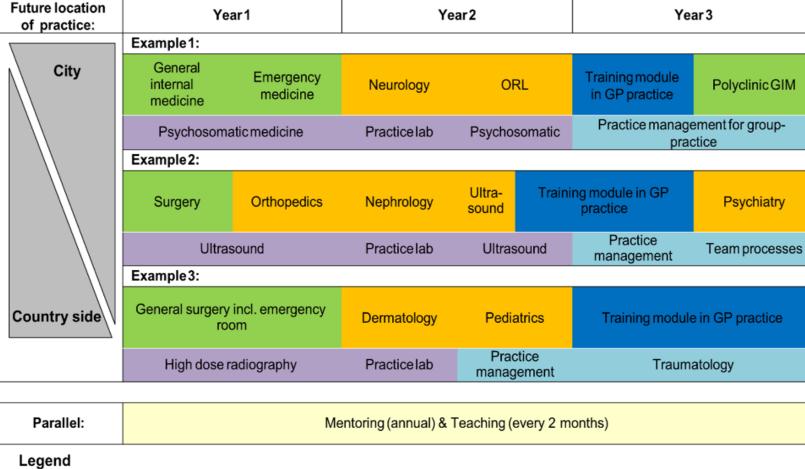
Questions:

- Which features are attractive for a curriculum?
- How attractive is our model curriculum (GO-GP)?

Model curriculum «GO-GP»

Development based on:

- existing Swiss programs
- literature
- the official training program for board certification of the Swiss Institute of medical education (SIWF/FMH)



Regular Internships in hospitals

Rotations

GP practice

Competency programs

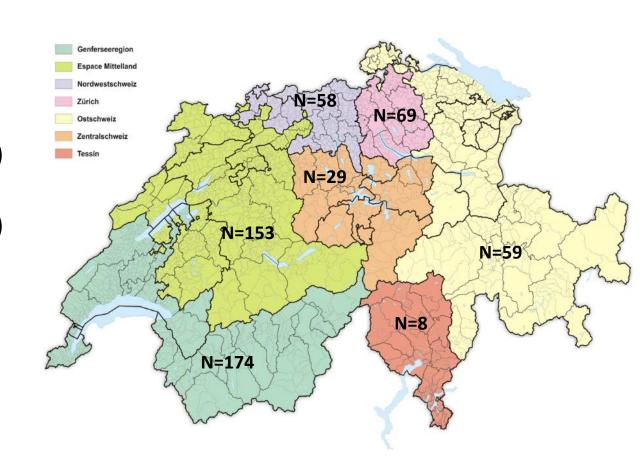
Courses

Mentoring

Results I

Our participants:

- 242 students (response rate 29%)
- 312 GP trainees (response rate 38%)
- 66% women
- median age 29
- from all parts of Switzerland



What makes a curriculum attractive?

- 1. Choose your own rotations (= *individualize*)
- 2. Help organizing courses/certificate programs
- 3. Short rotations possible (= *modular*)
- 4. Annual career planning (= mentoring)
- 5. Rotation to outpatient specialist care (in Bern: erweiterte Praxisassistenz)
- 6. Support by practicing GPs
- 7. Less attractive: obligation to practice in Canton

What would you like to learn:

Rotations:

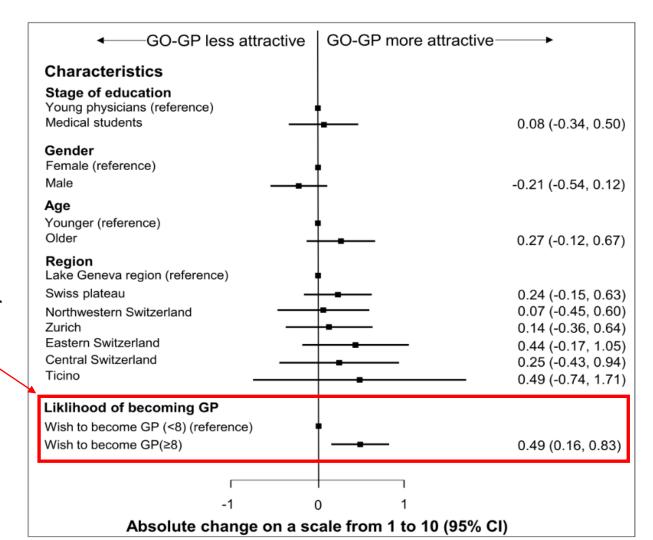
- Dermatology
- ORL
- Emergency Medicine
- Psychiatry
- Surgery

Courses:

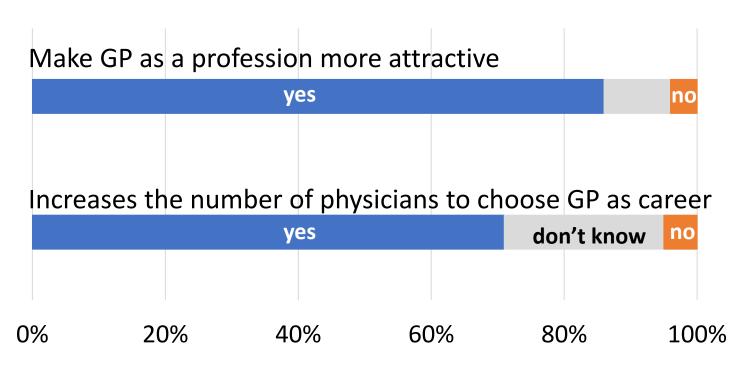
- Ultrasound
- Laboratory medicine
- Manual medicine

«GO-GP»

- Overall attractive (median 7.3 out of 10 points max)
- Equal attractive
- More attractive for those dedicated to become GPs



General estimated effect of curricula...



Limitations

- Response rate (38% and 29%)
- Hypothetical programme ("GO GP")
- Technically: Over representation of French speakers (44%) and female (66%) but to be considered a strength

Key points

Attractive curricula should be...

- Flexible
- Individualized
- Supportive (mentoring by GPs)
- Offering help in finding short rotations (e.g. specialist clinics in-/outpatient)
- Implemented...



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- Co-operation Inselgruppe AG and Institute of Primary Health Care Bern (BIHAM)
- Offering >130 rotations in >25 clinics
- www.bernercurriculum-aim.ch

Thank you for your attention

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