

Questionnaire

Development of an optional rural health program

General information

1) Year of birth

2) Which semester are you in?

3) Sex

Female

Male

4) How many people lived in the place you mainly grew up?

- < 5.000
 > 5.000 – 10.0000
 > 10.000 – 20.000
 > 20.000 – 50.000
 > 50.000 – 100.000
 > 100.000

5) Have you completed any other job training?

- Yes (Please specify): _____
 No

6) Do you have any children?

- Yes
 No

Career aspirations and academic studies

In this section we want to get to know about your career aspirations and your assessment of your current studies.

To what extent do the following statements apply to you?

7) "At the beginning of my medical studies I could imagine working as a family doctor in the future."

True False

8) "Now I can imagine working as a family doctor in the future."

True False

9) If you could choose your future place of work, how many people would live there?

- > 100.000
 > 50.000 – 100.000
 > 20.000 – 50.000
 > 10.000 – 20.000
 > 5.000 – 10.0000
 < 5.000
 I have no current preferences
 I don't know

10) In your personal opinion: at what stage of medical studies should medical students first gain experience of working in a family practice?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Before medical studies begin | <input type="checkbox"/> 8th semester (clinical) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1st semester (preclinic) | <input type="checkbox"/> 9th semester (clinical) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2sd semester (preclinic) | <input type="checkbox"/> 10th semester (clinical) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd semester (preclinic) | <input type="checkbox"/> 11th semester (clinical) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4th semester (preclinic) | <input type="checkbox"/> 12th semester (clinical) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5th semester (clinical) | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6th semester (clinical) | <input type="checkbox"/> Another time: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7th semester (clinical) | |
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11) Assuming you can imagine pursuing a career in family medicine in a rural area: Do you feel your medical studies have so far prepared you adequately?

- Yes
- No
- Partly
- It is too early to tell
- I don't know

12) If you answered "No" or "Partly": what would you require to feel adequately prepared to work as a family doctor in a rural area?

Information on the rural health program

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY:

The optional program that is to be developed may contain the following:

- 1. Practical training:** Working/Internship in a family practice in a rural area.
- 2. Seminars in small groups:** e.g. before and after practical training, discussions with experts, presentations.
- 3. Mentoring program:** longitudinal support from family doctors.

The goal of the program is to convey a realistic impression of the work of a family doctor in a rural area.

To minimize or avoid the need to find additional time for the program, we aim to make it a clinical elective course that will be included in your regular medical training.

It is also conceivable that other mandatory courses will be included in the program, e.g. preclinical elective, clinical traineeship, the first course in family medicine, the internship in family medicine and/or four months during the final "practical year".

13) Assuming you would participate in the rural health program: Do you have any ideas/suggestions/wishes

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a) ... how should the PRACTICAL TRAINING (working/internship in a family practice in a rural area) be designed to ensure it is a useful addition to your current medical studies (content, organization etc.)?

b) ... how should the SMALL GROUP SEMINARS be designed to ensure they are a useful addition to your current medical studies (topics, content, organization etc.)?

14) Would you be interested in a mentoring program (support provided by experienced family doctors)?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

15) What would you expect of a mentoring program?

16) How long should the program, consisting of practical training, small group seminars and a mentoring program, last?

- One semester
- Several semesters
- Throughout the whole of medical studies
- Doesn't matter as long as it is useful to me
- I don't know
- Another period: _____

17) Would you participate in a rural health program, consisting of practical training, small group seminars and a mentoring program?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

18) If you answered "No", why not?

Multiple answers possible.

- The content of the program is not clear enough. I can't imagine what is involved.
- I am not interested in family medicine.
- I am not interested in working in my own practice.
- I am not interested in working in a rural area.
- I am not interested in additional internships.
- Medical studies already provide all necessary information.
- No available time during my current medical studies.
- Others: _____

19) Do you have any further suggestions/ideas:

Thank you for participating.