# Results :National Survey of learning needs

# Strengthening primary health care through primary care doctors and family physicians



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# Designing a national Diploma





# **Overview of the process**





## Descriptive survey using a questionnaire

The study has been conducted by the **applicant** and **co-applicants**, who have an active presence in the following provinces: *Western Cape, Gauteng, Free State, Limpopo, Kwa-Zulu Natal.* 

The study has also been conducted in collaboration with the National Department of Health's technical task team on GP contracting which is chaired by the Deputy Director General for PHC Jeanette Hunter, with Dr Richard Cooke acting as the key link to the study.







To identify the perceived learning needs of existing primary care doctors in the public sector in terms of their clinical knowledge, clinical skills and scope of practice

To identify the perceived learning needs of existing primary care doctors in the private sector in terms of their clinical knowledge, clinical skills and scope of practice

## Study population and sampling strategy

All GP's who attended "Induction and Orientation" sessions at NHI pilot districts during April-June 2014 has been invited to participate in the survey.

PHC facilities supported by family physicians and associated with the applicant/co-applicant departments were selected. All MO's working at these primary care facilities were invited to participate.







# Sample size







### Data collection: GP's





Tshwane (Gauteng)
Pixley Ka Seme (Northern Cape)
Thabo Mafutsanyana (Free State)
Vhembe (Limpopo)
Gert Sibande (Mpumalanga)
Umzinyathi (KZN)
Dr Kenneth Kaunda (North West)



## Data collection: MO's







# Age & Gender: whole group





# Age: MO/GP









# **Gender MO/GP**







# Year of MBChB: whole group







# Year of MBChB: MO/GP





# Additional Qualifications: whole group









# Diploma: MO/GP





### **Degree: MO/GP**











### Awareness of the National guidelines used in primary health care:

Primary care doctor's familiarity with key national guidelines across the burden of disease.

### Clinical skills:

Primary care doctor's practice with regard to a list of clinical skills relevant to primary care extracted from the national list for the training of family physicians.

### Scope of practice:

Primary care doctors self-reported competency to fulfil key roles in future primary care such as supporting collaborative inter-professional practice, mentoring and training other health workers, working with ward-based outreach teams.



# Validation



The questionnaire has been validated in terms of its construct and content with an expert panel, drawn from the coapplicants and stakeholders:

- □ National DOH directorate for PHC and the national technical task team on GP contracting.
- Departments of Family medicine and Primary Care at: Witwatersrand, Kwa-Zulu Natal, Pretoria, Limpopo, Stellenbosch, Free State, Cape Town, Walter Sisulu University
- The national education and training committee of the SA Academy of Family Physicians

The questionnaire was piloted with 3 private GP's and 3 public MO's



# Questionnaire



### Section 1

#### Awareness of the National Guidelines used in primary health care.

- 1. I am not aware of/ have not read the guideline.
- 2. I have read the guideline
- 3. I am already implementing this guideline in my clinical practice.
- 4. I am able to teach this guideline to other health workers.

#### Section 2

### <u>Clinical Skills</u>

- 1. I have not had training in this skill
- 2. I have been trained, but have not performed this skill in the last year.
- 3. I have performed this skill in the last year.
- 4. I have taught this skill to others in the last year.

Section 3

### Scope of Practice

- 1. Not confident, e.g. I have never taken on this role as a primary doctor.
- 2. Some confidence, e.g. I have taken on this role in the past, but not in the last year.
- 3. Reasonably confident, e.g. I have taken on this role in the past.
- 4. Very confident, e.g. I could be a role-model to the primary health care team for this role.

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# **Section 1:Data Analysis**

Guideline	All: Mean Score (CI)	GP's: Mean Score (Cl)	MO's : Mean Score (CI)	P value
Standard Treatment Guidelines and Essential Medicine List for Primary Health Care in South Africa, 2012	2.67 (2.53-2.81)	2.44 (2.23- 2.66)	2.92 (2.77- 3.07)	0





Awareness of the National Guidelines used in primary health care

- In pairs:
- What are the implications of these results for the design of the diploma?





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- 3.I have performed this skill in the last year.
- 4.I have taught this skill to others in the last year.

# **Section 2: Clinical Skills**

Skill	All: Mean Score (Cl)	GP's: Mean Score (Cl)	MO's : Mean Score (CI)	P value
Femoral vein puncture	2.95 (2.80-3.10)	2.70 (2.48- 2.92)	3.21 (3.02- 3.40)	0





# **Clinical Skills**

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# Section 3: Scope of practice



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# Section 3: Scope of Practice

Question	All: Mean Score (CI)	GP's: Mean Score (CI)	MO's : Mean Score (CI)	P value
Using a bio-psycho-social approach to the assessment of the patient	2.89 (2.75-3.03)	2.84 ( 2.63- 3.05)	2.94 (2.76- 3.12)	0.78





# Scope of practice

- In pairs:
- What are the implications of these results for the design of the diploma?

## Additional qualifications

DTM, DGH				
FAMMED				
FAMMED, M PUBL	IC HEALTH			
FCFP, CTM				
FIN MAN, DIPL OC	C HEALTH			
HEALTH MAN CERT	Г			
HIV DIPL ETC				
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M FAMMED				
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MBCHB,DA				
MMED (FAM), BSc	(HONS) PH	ARMA		
MMED (FAM), DIPI	OMA PDM	l		
MMED FAMMED				
MMED PATH				
MPM				
MSc SPORTS MEDI	CINE			
PUBLIC HEALTH, CO		Y MED		
SPECIALIST OG, CO	MPETENCE	HOSP MA	N	
STRAT MAN CERT				
SURGICAL SKILL CE	RT			
UGD,EMERGENCY	CERT, HOSI	PITAL MAN		
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Approved by the Health Research Ethics Committee, Stellenbosch University; (Protocol number : N/4/03/027)

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## Survey of learning needs

- Thank you!
- **Questions**?