



To the attention of:

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Statement concerning the involvement of *Non University-Hospital* in the training process

Post Graduate Medical Training (PGMT) is the final and most relevant stage in medical education. At the end of the "Residency Training" the physician is prepared for unsupervised, fully-licensed medical practice and a career supported by continuing professional development.

In Italy, PGMT is offered exclusively by University's Hospitals and, in this way, it is not fully ensured a correct ratio between number of trainees and number of clinical cases. Due to limited availability of training University's Hospitals, number of patients is not sufficient to acquire adequate competencies as a consequence, a complete and meaningful training is not achieved, particularly regarding surgical fields where it is relevant to get practical skills as first operator.

In selected cases, University's Hospitals could involve *Non-University Hospitals* on the basis of agreement between the parties but without any National referring standards or law. In this way there isn't any guarantee on learning programmes.

Furthermore, in Italy, educational standards in PGMT are not implemented and learning programs are partially verified. National PGMT Observatory carry out an uneven activity at local level and its authority is limited to verification activities.

In view of the above, ANAAO ASSOMED, AAROI-EMAC, SNR, ANPO-ASCOTI-FIALS MEDICI, call on FEMS Members for support the proposal of involvement of *Non-University Hospitals* in the training process.

Current Italian situation doesn't put Italian trainees on the same foot of European colleagues. A growing number of Italian doctors tends to go abroad, looking for better training conditions, in consideration of limited availability of postgraduate contracts too.

ANAAO ASSOMED, AAROI-EMAC, SNR, ANPO-ASCOTI-FIALS MEDICI, ask to level Italian situation to best European standards in order to offer high quality medical education, to verify acquired knowledge and to train skilled and competent specialists.

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