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**To: The Nordic Health Authorities and Academic Units of General Practice/Family Medicine**

Nordic Federation of General Practice (NFGP; collaboration between the academic units of Nordic general practitioners in Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Iceland) and its Specialist Training Committee urge you to take action in order to secure the quality of training in General practice/Family Medicine (GP/FM) in the Nordic countries. High quality training in GP/FM is a prerequisite for providing excellent health care services to Nordic patients in primary care settings.

We would like to point your attention to 3 issues:

1. We recommend GP/FM attachment of minimum 6 months in the basic postgraduate training (“turnus” or equivalent training) for all doctors. This will give good insight in primary care and facilitate that all specialist doctors can act as partners in the cooperating health care system.
2. Ensuring that all doctors working in final positions in GP/FM have qualifications as specialists in GP/FM trained in the Nordic countries. This means that the Nordic countries must ensure that no Nordic and/or European legislation or regulation give doctors access to GP/FM specialist posts without having the necessary qualifications at the required level.
3. That the 3 Nordic EU countries and the 2 EEA countries work for a change in “Directive 2005/36/EC” in such a way that the specialists in GP/FM are in line with the medical specialists in all the other medical specialties. That means that GP/FM should move from Article 28 to Article 25. It also means that GP/FM should move from Annex V, point 5.1.4. to Annex V, point 5.1.3.

See supplementary explanation [here](#)

Nordic Federation of General Practice, its Specialist Training Committee and the 5 Nordic Colleges of General Practitioners would be happy to assist and take part in further negotiations on these important issues.

On behalf of the NFGP

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