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### Training researchers in general practice; experiences from the The Norwegian Research School of General Practice

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**Background & Aim:** In Norway, general practice is the foundation of the public health care system. Still, most of the research money goes to the hospital-based health care. In 2013 the Norwegian Research School in General Practice (NAFALM) was established, funded by the Research Council of Norway. The aim was to develop and strengthen capacity for research training for PhD- candidates in general practice. All four Norwegian universities with medical faculties and one research institute are partners of NAFALM. The students follow a three years course of study with yearly seminars and webinars. NAFALM gives three mandatory courses and voluntary courses and workshops. Since most of the students are part time general practitioners and settled outside the university cities, they have monthly webinars where they discuss their projects. The students also get training on how to present their research orally and written, and they gain knowledge of literature important for the development of general practice as a scientific subject. We endeavour that the students use their own projects when working with exercises at the courses. NAFALM was planned with ten students annually. Today 50 students are enrolled, which constitute almost all new PhD-students in general practice. The aim of this study is to evaluate the research school.

**Method:** An anonymous questionnaire were sent to all students and their supervisors exploring their participation in the research school's activities and to what extent the school had contributed to the research training. The participants were also requested to propose new courses in the curriculum.

**Results:** Three in four students were general practitioners. The other students came from pharmacy, nursing, anthropology and social sciences. Preliminary data from the survey will be presented at WONCA.

**Conclusion:** Almost all new PhD-candidates in general practice in Norway attend the Norwegian Research School of General Practice.