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Classifying European models of primary health care organisation, what best describes the structure of your PHC system?

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The classification of the primary health care (PHC) system involves the selection of key features and their modalities that define the different types. Classifying is a required step for measuring and comparing performance, which provide evidence-based rationale for PHC improvement. Several studies have aimed to classify and measure the impact of PHC in population health. There is abundant evidence on the impact of PHC delivery (accessibility, continuity, comprehensibility...) on health outcomes, but evidence on how to organise PHC (physicians' employment status, remuneration type, ownership of facilities...) is scarce. This workshop aims to develop a set of criteria to classify PHC organisation in Europe in order to measure and compare its performance.

It has three sections:

- 1) Oral Presentation on the description of PHC system, particularly the structure, and the ways to categorize and measure it, followed by previous studies on PHC classification and performance.
- 2) Discussion on the appropriate indicators to describe aspects of the PHC structure and selection of indicators to develop our framework.
- 3) Classification of European countries according to our framework, based on attendants' expertise.

This workshop will give participants a broader perspective of the PHC system, to which we belong, and the different paths we have to seek its improvement.

Moreover, the outcomes of this workshop will make a valuable contribution in the study of the impact of PHC structure on quality, costs and equality of health care in Europe, which is currently developed at the Centre for Health Policy, IGHI, Imperial College London.

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