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### **Structural and intimate partner violence: empowering family doctors with identification and management tools**

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**Background & Aim:** As stated by *The UN Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women*, adopted by the General Assembly on 20 December 1993, gender and domestic violence as a form of violence against women is a manifestation of historically unequal power relations between men and women, which have led to domination over and discrimination against women. Structural violence refers to a form of violence whereby social structures or institutions disadvantage particular individualism, for example sexism.

Gender inequality and intimate partner violence are unfortunately embedded deep in our societies. Despite the prevalence of these issues, medical students and GP trainees receive little if any training in the recognition and management of intimate partner violence.

The aim of this workshop is to equip Family Doctors and trainees with a set of tools that should improve awareness of structural violence issues as well as increasing confidence in the identification and management of intimate partner violence.

**Method:** After a brief introduction on structural violence, gender roles and fundamental theoretical aspects of Family Violence, participants will be divided into groups to discuss different scenarios that arise in daily practice. Groups will then report the results of their discussion for a final discussion on inequalities and Family Violence management in Primary Care.

**Results:** By the end of the workshop, participants should be familiarized with the concepts of structural violence and fundamental aspects of Family Violence as well as basic tools to identify and help family violence victims

**Conclusions:** Through a dynamic and interactive workshop we aim to encourage participants to reflect on concepts of structural violence and the necessary tools in order to recognize and manage domestic violence with confidence. A valuable insight into structural violence, stereotypes and family violence is the first step towards early detection, as awareness is the first step to change.