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MANAGEMENT AND BUDGETISATION

Economical and budgetary role of the doctor

The situation in your country: Luxembourg

1. Status of the hospital doctors

Are doctors employees?

20% 80%

YES X NO X

If YES, describe the terms of the contract (the fundamental parts).

Do hospital doctors have also an ambulatory activity?

YES X NO

If YES, privately, or as part of the accreditation contract?

privately X contract

What about private patients?

Or do they benefit from an agreement according to the fee for service principle?

YES NO X

If YES, what are the agreement conditions?

Or is there a combination of both depending on whether the patient is public or private or other criteria?

Are hospital doctors associated to the elaboration of national public hospital budgets?

YES X NO
Or do only salaried doctors get involved and is the self-employed professional excluded?

YES  NO  X

If YES, in which way can doctors in self-employed practice get the possibility to express their opinion?

Are public hospital budgets submitted for approval to your professional association?

YES  NO  X

If YES, are your remarks taken into consideration?

YES  NO

If NO? Why?

They are only sumitted for advice. The decision is finally taken by the Hospital-Director (incl. Medical Dir.)

2. The role of hospital doctors in the hospital economic policy.

Are doctors associated to the elaboration of regional hospital budgets?

YES  X  NO

If YES, does this mean that they are not at the national level?

YES  X  NO

Are the colleagues committed to this task salaried heads of departments?

MOSTLY

YES  NO  X

Do they carry an outpatient medical practice beside it?

YES  X  NO

Or are they civil servants of the public health services of the state?

YES  NO  X

Can they be self-employed professionals with an accreditation contract?
Are these regional hospital budgets submitted for approval to your professional association?

If YES, are your remarks taken into consideration?

If NO? Why? They are submitted to the medical council of the hospital.

Are other health professionals associated to the establishment of the economic policy of the hospital?

If YES, who and to which extent? The directors of the nursery department and the administration department.

3. Training

Is training financed exclusively by the ministry of social affairs and health?

or is the ministry for national education also involved? sometimes

Are the interlocutors from the government medical doctors?

If NO, what are their qualifications? mostly nursery department

Is the budget for education separate from the operational budget of the hospital?

If NO, is education taken into consideration in the establishment of the budget and how?
Is the hospital chief medical staff associated?

YES X NO

How?

In one case or the other are professional associations consulted in the establishment of the education budget?

YES NO X

4. Role of hospital doctors - heads of departments

Are doctors heads of departments participating in the establishment of the budget of the hospital where they practice?

YES X NO

Through the dean of the college?

YES X NO

Individually for each service?

YES X NO

Do self-employed professionals with an accreditation contract participate?

YES X NO

Is the budget of each department imposed by the administrative direction of the hospital?

YES NO X

Are they responsible for the management of their department, e.g.

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Do they share the responsibility for the management of their department with the administration?
How? By reporting

5. Financing conditions

Is the hospital financing based on fixed amount or on DRG?

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<th>YES</th>
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Do doctors participate in the establishment of the classification of the patients?

| YES | X | NO |

Do they participate in the establishment of cost weights and the valuation of fixed amounts in monetary units?

| YES | NO | X |

Are the doctors involved heads of departments?

| YES | X | NO |

Do they keep an individual practice in beside this task?

| YES | X | NO |

Or are they civil servants of the public health department of the state?

Is the valuation of the fixed amounts nation wide or specified for each hospital?

| National | YES | NO | X | individual | YES | X | NO |

If the valuation is specified for each hospital, do the doctors-heads of department participate in the establishment of the valuation into monetary units?

| YES | NO | X |

Through the dean of the college?
Separately for each department?  

Do self-employed professionals with an accreditation contract participate in the calculation?  

How is dealt with an eventual deficit?  

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In case of a deficit do doctors get penalized?  

If YES, how?  

Has the method of fixed amount or DRG modified medical practice?  

Have hospital stays become shorter?  

Did it lead to an indirect selection of patients?  

Are complicated pathologies transferred to another specialised hospitals?  

Does the financing of these specialised hospitals obey to the same fixed amounts rules?  

| YES | X | NO |
If NO, how are they financed?

Are other health professionals associated to the financing modalities of your hospital unit or department?

YES          X          NO

If YES, who and in which respect?

The financing of the Luxembourg hospitals is based on the activity of the year (x-2). It is not a fixed budget but adapted on the fix costs (personal) and the variable costs (this depends on the consumption of materials linked to the activity).