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Healthcare across Borders and the consequences on Risk Management and Patient Safety

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To define goals & vision of the WG and to offer solutions and recommendations!

PREAMBLE:

Physician migrations do not have to primarily pose a danger to patient safety as long as they do not undermine the health system of a particular country. Migrations have positive and negative aspects. Migrating doctors could contribute to international cooperation, exchange of experience and CME/CPD. The mechanisms of a free labor market could influence the competent authorities to offer improved working conditions to doctors.

Main problems:

**Doctors crossing borders:**
1. language problems, misunderstandings, translation (among doctors and between doctors, patients and nurses)
2. recognition of diplomas and acquired competencies
3. ethical questions of active recruitment approach (brain drain & stealing brains)
4. different models of liability insurance for immigrant doctors & daily
5. physicians active in other professions while waiting for diploma recognition & working licenses
6. financial consequences

**Nurses crossing borders**
1. high schools for nurses and technologists to replace missing doctors in some less complex procedures?
2. Language and all other problems like in doctors

**Patients crossing borders**
1. retired citizens living abroad for several months each year
2. tourists
3. rules for complications when treated abroad
4. medical documentation crossing borders