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Dear colleagues,
Dear friends and readers,

Finally the time has come. You hold the first edition of our newsletter in hand. In future we want to inform you regularly and in short about our work. We like to invite you rather for a personal exchange of information than to burden you with extensive reports. You will thus find the name of a contact person for more detailed information on each topic. We look forward to an inspiring exchange and a joint future of our profession.

The newly founded institute represents the discipline general practice and family medicine in research and development as an unaffiliated body at the university hospital Jena. It is the only academic institution in this field of study in Thuringia acting as a bridge between academic university medicine and municipal-closely GP's medicine in the surgeries. A great number of general practitioners engage themselves in the vocational training of our young academics. The obligatory practical en-bloc training and the internship for interested students is most likely one of the best promotions for our discipline. The young colleagues experience both

the diversity and professionalism of primary care and our pleasure in this profession.

I like to thank you very much and wish you a good reading.

Prof. Dr. Jochen Gensichen

MultiCare in Thuringia

The institute for general practice is one of 8 centres in Germany which researches the progress, parameters und effects of multi-morbidity of patients in GP's surgeries. In this study which is financed by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research approx. 250 patients in Thuringia will be interviewed. The results are supposed to improve the treatment of patients with multi-morbidity.

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Simulation patients in vocational training

The daily contact with patients and their efficient treatment requires communicative and interactive competence of the general practitioners. The objective of our pilot project is the improvement of the future medical communication skills of the students. Systematic training in communication and interaction provides a safe framework for the elective course 'general practice and family medicine'. For this purpose we have assigned

specially trained simulation patients. Students test and recheck their subject-based knowledge and their communicative skills during an anamnesis interview. A structured feedback from the simulation patients, the fellow students and the lecturers will finally enable the students to improve their skills. That way they learn how their performance acts on patients and outsiders and what reaction it provokes in them. Finally alternatives of action and performance are collectively developed and tested.

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Who are we?



The young dynamic team of eight consists of three physicians, two psychologists, a bachelor of trade and commerce, a bachelor of public health, and a documentation officer.

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