



NATIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND ORGANISATION OF THE HOME HEALTH SERVICE IN POLAND

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Home health service in Poland

- Primary health care
 - Family doctor, Nurse and Midwife, Therapist
- Home Hospice
 - Doctor, Nurse, Physioterapist, Psychologist
- Municipal Social Assistance Centre
 - Health carer
- Other organisations, including foundations and voluntary services
 - Volunteers without medical training



Main national trends

Primary health care

- 150 000 practicing doctors, including more than 8 000 specialists in family medicine
- average 5,6 primary care physicians (in that 2.1 family medicine specialists) / 10 000 patients
- 215 000 nurses, 23 000 primary care nurses, little over 2000 with specialization in family medicine
- one of the lowest number of nurses per 1000 patients in the European Union - 5 (average 8,6)



Main national trends

Home hospice

- public and non-public
- most developed branch in polish non-public health care system
- non-public: non-profit and commercial
- 284 home hospices, in that 121 non-public
- commercial – about 20 euro per hour



National bodies in charge of the home health service

- national:
 - government
 - ministry of health
- local:
 - province self-government
 - county self-government
 - municipality self-government



National policies

- National Health Programme for the years 2007 - 2015
 - The reduction of morbidity and premature mortality from cancer
 - To increase the effectiveness of prevention of infectious diseases and infections
 - The reduction of social and territorial disparities in health status of Polish population
 - To improve diet and quality of food; to reduce obesity
 - To reduce exposure to harmful factors in the environment and its effects and to improve the sanitary condition of the country



HEalthcare: Parents PathwaYs and functional profile.

Training Courses for professional health carers

- family doctor
 - minimum of 48 months
- family nurse
 - 18 to 24 months (995 h)
- similiar in other specializations



Main problems

- underpaid staff
- lack of funds in the system
- bureaucracy
- difficulties in access to medical care