

Survey of National Primary Care Research Institutes

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At the 2004 Wonca International meeting, the Wonca Research Working Committee initiated an investigation of national primary care research institutes around the world. This report brief documents the findings.

Method:

We emailed a two-question survey to all of the Wonca presidents and contact-persons in April of 2004 and again in February 2006 (100 contacts, 83 countries).

The questions asked were:

1. Is there a national-level primary care research institute in your country? If so, please list here (include a website address or other contact information, if possible)
2. Are there regional, state, academy/college, or other important primary care research centers in your country that you feel are important? If so, please list them (include a website address or other contact information, if possible).

Findings:

Of 100 contacts in 83 countries, responses were received from 25 countries (29.4% response). 7 identified a national primary care research institute (NPCRI) and 18 said they had none. Nineteen respondents had one or more regional primary care institutes/research organizations and 4 did not. (Table)

Country	NPCRI Yes/NO	NPCRI Name	NPCRI contact
ANDORRA		NR	
ARGENTINA	No		
AUSTRALIA	Yes	PHCRIS (Primary Health Care Research Institute) & APHCRI	http://www.phcris.org.au/ http://www.anu.edu.au/aphcri
AUSTRIA	No		
BAHRAIN		NR	
BANGLADESH		NR	
BELARUS	No		
BELGIUM	No		
BOLIVIA		NR	
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA		NR	
BRAZIL		NR	
CANADA		NR	
CHILE		NR	
CHINA		NR	
COLOMBIA		NR	
COSTA RICA		NR	
CROATIA	No		
CYPRUS		NR	
CZECH REPUBLIC		NR	
DENMARK		NR	
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC		NR	
ECUADOR		NR	
ESTONIA	Yes	University of Tartu,	www.et.ee
FIJI		NR	
FINLAND		NR	
FRANCE	Yes	Societe Francaise de Medecine Generale (French Society of General Medicine)	www.sfmq.org
GEORGIA		NR	
GERMANY	No		
GHANA		NR	
GREECE	No		

HONG KONG		NR		
ICELAND		NR		
INDIA		NR		
INDONESIA		NR		
IRELAND		NR		
ISRAEL		NR		
ITALY		NR		
JAMAICA		NR		
JAPAN	No			
JORDAN		NR		
KAZAKHSTAN	No			
KENYA		NR		
KOREA		NR		
KYRGYZSTAN		NR		
LEBANON	No			
LITHUANIA		NR		
MACAU		NR		
MALAYSIA		NR		
MALTA		NR		
MEXICO		NR		
MONGOLIA		NR		
NEPAL		NR		
	Yes		The Netherlands Cchool of Primary Care Research - CaRe The NIVEL Institute	P O Box 616, 6200 MD Maastricht, The Netherlands, www.nivel.com
NETHERLANDS				
NEW ZEALAND	No			
NIGERIA		NR		
	Yes		The Norwegian Institute of Public Health	http://www.fhi.no/eway/default0.asp?e=0&pid=225
NORWAY				
PAKISTAN		NR		
PANAMA		NR		
PARAGUAY		NR		
PERU		NR		
PHILIPPINES		NR		
POLAND	No			
PORTUGAL		NR		

ROMANIA		NR	
SAUDI ARABIA		NR	
	Yes		Department of Community, Occupational and Family Medicine (COFM), National University of Singaport (NUS) http://medicine.nus.edu.sg/corporate/index.shtml
SINGAPORE			
SLOVAK REPUBLIC		NR	
SLOVENIA	No		
SOUTH AFRICA		NR	
SPAIN		NR	
SRI LANKA	No		
SWEDEN		NR	
SWITZERLAND	No		
TAIWAN		NR	
THAILAND		NR	
TURKEY	No		
UKRAINE	No		
	Yes		National Primary Care Research and Development Centre, University of Manchester http://www.npcrdc.man.ac.uk/index.cfm
UNITED KINGDOM			
URUGUAY		NR	
USA		NR	
UZBEKISTAN		NR	
VENEZUELA	No		
ZIMBABWE		NR	
Total	83		