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WONCA asserts that Universal Health Coverage is only as strong as the workforce delivering it. High-quality training for family doctors is the cornerstone of efficient, quality, and safe health services.

Evidence confirms that populations with access to trained family doctors experience better survival rates and reduced hospitalizations. Yet, quality of care and patient safety gaps remain significant. WONCA urges Member States to prioritize family medicine specialization as a core component of their national workforce strategies.

By investing in standardized, high-quality postgraduate training, family doctors can provide the holistic care necessary to manage complex NCDs and aging populations safely. WONCA can contribute actively to training Family Doctors across all Regions. We call on WHO to support scale-up of training to eliminate 'medical deserts' and secure the right to health for all.

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