

The WONCA Jeju 2012 Declaration on Family Medicine Enhancement

Introduction

The 19th Wonca Asia Pacific regional conference was held from May 24–27, 2012, in Jeju, South Korea. The theme was "*Clinical Excellence in Family Medicine: Evidence-based Approach in Primary Care*". Observing the needs and support required for enhancing Family Medicine of each country in this region, on May 23 2012, the Wonca Asia Pacific Council formulated and released this *Declaration of Jeju* and called for all member organisations to act on this Declaration.

Observations

Asia Pacific is a region of diversity: *cultural differences, state of maturity in Family Medicine development, and structures of health care.*

Plan of action

There is a need to collaborate to take advantage of the diversity across the member organizations and work together as a region on actionable plans focusing on *clinical practice, research, and medical education* to realize the vision of enhancing family medicine .

Vision of family medicine enhancement

- Agreed to training family physicians in the seven roles of:
 - family medicine expert in primary, personal, preventive, comprehensive, continuing, and co-ordinated care
 - communicator
 - collaborator
 - advocate /leader
 - manager
 - medical professional,
 - researcher and teacher
- Agreed to training of family physicians in the six core competencies :
 - relevant medical knowledge,
 - problem-based learning and improvement
 - medical practice
 - system-based practice
 - professionalism
 - interpersonal communication skills
- Allow learning from the diverse, old and young countries in our region where there are many models of family medicine
- Contribute to the development of new structures to support high quality primary health care with ideas from the future family medicine workforce.
- Develop global disaster response teams for immediate deployment as part of corporate social responsibility and advocacy role of family physicians.
- Organise research as the means to develop, consolidate and disseminate new knowledge in the development of the vision of Family Medicine and capacity building through
 - Training in evidence based medicine in its application to health care
 - Training in medical writing
 - Training in writing a clinical review
 - Training in doing original research.

Call for action

A call is made to all WONCA Asia Pacific member organizations to develop and implement the actionable activities with family physicians collaborating with health care providers, training providers, and the government to achieve the vision of Family Medicine enhancement enunciated in this Declaration .