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For the Luxemburgish medical association (AMMD) 2002 was characterised by their decision to force the government to abandon the so called “Conventionnement obligatoire” which is the automatic obligation for all Drs in Luxemburg to work with the official health insurance “(UCM)”. This automatic and obligatory affiliation to UCM means that every Dr in Luxemburg has to respect the obligations of the convention between UCM + AMMD. As the medical profession is largely minority the directory of UCM their expectations and proportions are rarely and incompletely met.

The result is an accumulated lack of income, compared to other relevant socio-economic groups since 1992 and the medical profession is no longer willing to accept this rigid affiliation system.

But all concerned parties (trade unions, UCM, government etc) are opposed to any change of the system. The medical profession has decided to risk eventually a health care strike if no agreements could be found. Since mid September 2002, government has promised measures to improve at least partly the accumulated deficiencies.

Examples are:

- Consultation price is promised to be linked to the general index of income,
- Week and night work could be partially except of income taxes,
- The consultation price is to be adapted etc.

This debate has to be seen together with the fact that the social insurance (UCM) has accumulated an excedent of 50 mio. Euro (which is probably an unique situation in Europe).

For GP’s several important projects are to be realised (for more detail, see my article in the reference book 2002).

So

- night calls are reorganised.

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- A complete cycle of 3 years of sepcific training is to be created.
- A comprehesive concept of CME is proposed and managed by the medical profession and should function with the financial support of the health ministry.

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