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# Education in Assessment Medicine in the Czech Republic

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# 1. Introduction

## Assessment medicine

- Interdisciplinary medical field
- Draws general and special knowledge from medical disciplines
- Outputs are processed in a specific way



# Importance and tasks

- The importance varies according to social demand
- **Medical task** - every statement is a serious therapeutic and preventive measure
- **economic** - affects the economically active population
- **social** - assesses the compliance with legal entitlements to the relevant benefits



# Assessment activities

- Health status x legal regulation
- Information
  - biological
  - psychological
  - professionographic
  - sociological

## 2. Legislation

- Act No. 95/2004 Coll.
- Decree of the Ministry of Health 152/2018 Coll., on postgraduate education
- Decree of the Ministry of Health 282/2019 Coll., on Examinations of physicians...
- Bulletin of the Ministry of Health 2019, educational program



# Act No. 95/2004 Coll.

- „About the health professions of doctor, dentist and pharmacist “
- **Professional qualifications, § 4** - upon graduating from the Faculty of Medicine
- Competence - works under the professional supervision or professional supervision of a doctor with specialized competence
- **Specialized competence, § 5** - passing the attestation examination
- Competence - also performs assessment activities
- **Specific Specialized Competence, § 21e** - Passing an Examination
- Competence - assessment service





# Decree of the Ministry of Health 152/2018 Coll.

- About postgraduate education of doctors and dentists
  - a) postgraduate courses of education of doctors and dentists
  - b) the indication of the specialty of the doctor with specific specialised competence ('assessing doctor')
  - c) minimum length of education in the postgraduate education (at least 1 year for the medical assessor)
  - d) defining those fields of specialised education which can be included in the postgraduate course.



# Educational program, Bulletin of the Ministry of Health 2019

- - The aim of the postgradual education of assessment medicine is to acquire the necessary theoretical knowledge and practical skills enabling independent activity in assessing the health condition for the purposes of:
  - performance of work and other socially important activities,
  - social security insurance systems,
  - state social support, social care, assistance in material need and social services,
  - employment policy,
  - Service in the Army of the Czech Republic and security forces,
  - social security for persons working within the European Union.



# Educational program

- Obligatory:
- Professional experience in the field of assessment medicine - 12 months at a workplace accredited for teaching
- Theoretical part of the educational programme – 3 specialization courses (1 week), attestation work at an accredited workplace (Department of Assessment Medicine IPVZ)
- Recommended:
- Participation in educational activities of professional societies, IPME, the Czech Medical Chamber, medical faculties or accredited facilities



# Educational program

Final examination:

Organized and technically secured by IPME

Committee members appointed by the Minister of Health (representatives of the Institute for Postgraduate Medical Education, professional societies, professional public, or representatives of the Czech Medical Chamber), at least 3 members

- **theoretical part** – 3 technical questions,
- **practical part** – oral defence of a Thesis on the topic of assessment at the end of the course of Assessment Medicine – Part IV.

The result can be appealed to the director of the Institute for Postgraduate Medical Education



# Competences of the medical assessor

A graduate of the follow-up education of assessment medicine is able to:

- assess the state of health within the range of the educational programme,
- provide consulting and organizational activities in the field of occupational and social rehabilitation and retraining,
- apply the basic EU legal standards in the field of social security.

# Conclusion

The Department of Assessment Medicine was established on 1 January 1961, and during the period of its existence, only four doctors took turns in the position of head of the department.

Since 1972, when attestation in assessment medicine was first examined, to mid-2024, 1 102 doctors were certified.



# Other tasks of the Department of Assessment Medicine

- Lifelong Learning of Medical Assessors
- Lectures on assessment topics for other departments
- Cooperation with professional societies in the drafting of assessment criteria
- Forensic Expert Activities of the IPME in the Field of Health Care



# Upcoming tasks for medical assessment

- To increase the attractiveness of assessment medicine
- To improve the quality of lifelong learning of medical assessors
- Finalize the training of medical assessors for the armed forces (accredited workplaces for practical training)
- To intensify the cooperation with professional societies, particularly with focus on update of the assessment criteria in line with current medical knowledge.
- Stabilize the position of a professional paramedical healthcare worker in the system





# Quaternary prevention

- WONCA:
- Activity identifying a patient at risk of overmedicalization
- It protects him from other medical procedures
- Suggests ethically acceptable interventions

# Redefining quaternary prevention

- Protection against medical interventions that are likely to do more harm than good
- Reducing overdiagnosis, treatment, and iatrogenic harm
- Primum non nocere

# Overdiagnosis

- Excessive examination (for alibist reasons)
- It unjustifiably turns people into patients
- Over-detection of deviations
- Overdefinition of diseases

# Overdetection

- Identification of clinically insignificant abnormalities (MRI hypodensities, "titritis", isolated abnormalities of biochemical values),
- The assessment significance is low or non-existent, but it raises unjustified hopes for the application to be granted.

Thank you for your attention 😊

