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Title:

Webinar-based Ophthalmological Education in Denmark

Introduction:

Once the ophthalmological specialist training is terminated the need for continuous maintenance of scientific skills and new knowledge arises. It is up to each individual to ensure a good and continuously improved level of knowledge and this may be achieved in many ways by self-studies, at meetings, at conferences nationally and internationally amongst others. In a busy daily working life this may however be challenging.

Project purpose and methods:

This project aims to provide ophthalmological education and knowledge to all members of the National Danish Ophthalmological Society by establishing Webinar-based lectures. The aim is to recruit speakers mainly from the University Hospitals in Denmark and to assure a variety of lectures from all ophthalmological subspecialties with a main focus on private practicing ophthalmologists. The Webinars will take place during afternoons or evenings allowing as many members as possible to participate easily with a computer device and from any location. It offers a unique possibility to “keep in touch” with both basic and new treatment regimes as well as technological and medical advances. Technically, the Adobe Connect Platform will be used; this system allows for live quizzes, tests and questions between the speaker and the audience, which could also improve the contact between especially private practice ophthalmologists and the hospital departments.

Though these Webinars are far from a full educational programme the aim is that they by easy access may contribute to a high basic and scientific level of knowledge among Danish ophthalmologists.