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Project title:

Improving Quality of Training for Young ophthalmologists at Innsbruck Medical University - Department of ophthalmology through accreditation as training centre according to the EBO criteria

Abstract:

The aim of this project is to improve and maintain the high quality of education and training for residents at the Department of ophthalmology at Innsbruck Medical University/Austria. In Europe there are about 60000 ophthalmologists with great differences regarding their training concerning content and duration. To harmonize and optimize the quality of education the European Board of Ophthalmology (EBO) defined criteria regarding the educational prerequisites and the minimum components that a residency training programme in ophthalmology must possess including institutional facilities, content of clinical experience, duration of training, teaching faculty, support and administration. Through the process of accreditation we aim for the highest level of quality in education and training according to European standards and to provide a stable, well coordinated, transparent and progressive educational experience for the residents rather than simply to provide health care to the patients. The main part of this project is to critically analyse the status quo regarding the mentioned points above at our clinic, to detect and to mend potential deficits and to initialize and coordinate the accreditation process. Up to date there is no EBO certified training center within Austria so that our certification could serve as lead and motivation for others to follow and spread the idea of uniform high quality education for young ophthalmologists in Europe.