

PROBLEMS OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH MANAGEMENT IN ALBANIA DURING 2005 - 2013

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Abstract

Purpose of the research is to provide a general picture on public health issues in Albania and to configure a public health model for the near future towards integration of the country in the region, Europe and beyond. Relation to the Conference topic: Medicine & Health – Public health & Health management. Approach used: Focusing the attention of the paper research on quality of public health services as well as on expenditures for this sector in Albania, comparing the current situation with other countries, gathering information, data, figures, etc, about these issues, mainly from primary resources, writing the paper, drawing conclusions and under that base drawing recommendations. Major results There are a lot of problems related to public health and health management in Albania. Most of problems are linked with the lack of funds flowed to this sector, lack of knowledge of citizens about the issue, lack of transparency which leads to an increase of corruption practices in the primary, secondary and tertiary levels of health sector in Albania, critical situation in pharmaceuticals issues, licensing procedures and low level of health practitioners included. Implications Country's integration in the region, Europe and wider requires not just fulfilling some basic criteria in terms of democracy and other politic standards, but working towards quality life improvement for all citizens for a better situation in health sector for all citizens, for healthy people, which leads to productivity improvement and gaining competitive advantage in international markets.

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