

Review Article

Portuguese Family Drug Education's Respiratory Drug Class: A Delphi Research

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Abstract

Background: Respiratory conditions (RD) constitute a significant part of the workload of family croakers. There's no agreement on what family croakers should know in this area but established styles for achieving agreement may help to overcome this.

Objects: The purpose of the study was to gain a public agreement on the needed knowledge and chops in respiratory drug for family drug trainees after vocational training.

Methods: A Delphi study was conducted via e-mail with a different panel of experts. We developed a Learning Curriculum Framework (LCF) with 399 particulars acclimated from the Royal Australasian College of Physicians — Respiratory Medicine Advanced Training Curriculum. The LCF was submitted to the experts in two rounds for agreement. Consensus was considered for particulars that had an agreement of 80 in the groups above 4 on a scale of significance that ranged from 1(not important) to 5(veritably important).

Results: Consensus was attained for 159 particulars (38.8). These included structure and function of the respiratory tract(0.6), presenting problems(21.4), opinion(7.5), interventions and forestalment(11.3), COPD-emphysema(12.6), tumours(3.1), infections(10.7), tuberculosis(5.7), HIV(1.3), thromboembolic complaint(2.5), pleural- pulmonary complaint(3.1), gestation(0.6) and sleep diseases(3.8). Particulars on iatrogenic conditions and respiratory exploration didn't reach agreement.

Conclusions: Consensus on the respiratory drug class may contribute to farther development of the vocational training class in Portugal. This approach may help preceptors in other countries in Europe to develop classes for respiratory drug and other areas of general practice.

Keywords: Respiratory drug class; Family drug training

Introduction

Respiratory conditions present a challenge not only because of their high prevalence1 but also because of their impact on the health and quality of life of cases. They're among the leading causes of death worldwide and have risen to third place as a cause of death in Portugal. Pulmonary cancers4 and COPD5 are important causes of mortality. Asthma is also an important cause of avoidable deaths. RD affects all age groups and causes increased demands on health services. In 2011, the World Health Organization (WHO) decided that RD should be precedence and stressed the significance of forestalment and control at the position of Primary Health Care (PHC). Primary care offers durability of care and in the follow- up of cases, at lower costs than sanitarium care. The family drug vocational training program is a process of technical medical training that aims to enable croakers to exercise singly in primary care. Throughout the course the trainee must acquire capabilities that are in agreement with WONCA principles. It's organized over 4 times, including theoretical and practical training and on- the- job training. The objects, divided by areas of knowledge and their complexity, should be attained by the end of the program [1].

There's no agreement on the applicable knowledge and chops that trainees should acquire in respiratory drug in Portugal. Following an earlier study aimed at relating the requirements for PHC exploration in respiratory conditions in Portugal the present study aimed to develop an agreement on the knowledge and chops considered important for family croakers.

Material and Methods

The study used an adaption of the Delphi methodology. This

repetitious delving fashion allows anonymous and methodical refining of expert opinion and has been used in health lores exploration to gain agreement. It consists of a series of rounds of information gathering to gain an agreement in a group of experts in a given area. This can be applied to the description of precedences, confirmation of clinical practices, or description of unborn programs. In the present study, the focus was on the capabilities and chops that family croakers should have in RD. A questionnaire was transferred by electronic correspondence, which allowed for lesser geographic content and reduced bias from in- person interviews. The exploration protocol was approved by the Subcommittee on Ethics for Life and Health lores of the University of Minho [2].

The literacy class frame

The Learning Curriculum Framework was grounded on the Respiratory Medicine Advanced Training Curriculum from the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. The final interpretation comported of 399 particulars, divided into 16 themes related to respiratory

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conditions. Each content was subdivided into sections relating to knowledge, moxie, and chops. The motifs included in the document were the structure and function of the respiratory system, presenting problems, opinion, interventions and forestalment, asthma, COPD and emphysema, tumours, pulmonary infections, tuberculosis, pulmonary instantiations of HIV- AIDS, thromboembolic and vascular complaint, pleural complaint, gestation and respiratory conditions, respiratory sleep diseases, iatrogenic respiratory conditions, and respiratory exploration [3].

The Australasian document was readily available, comprehensive and robust. It has proven its worth in practice in the setting in which it was constructed. It handed a accessible starting point for this study without the need to start the process from a blank oil. The positive response to this format from the Delphi experts in this study seems to support this choice.

The original Australian document was restated from English to Portuguese and acclimated by the exploration platoon, and the restatement was cross-checked. The performing document was reviewed in order to exclude particulars corresponding to knowledge and chops that didn't fall within the compass of family drug. Its final wording was defined by agreement by the platoon. An airman test was conducted with 7 individualities. The ideal was to descry crimes similar as particulars not suitable for family drug, reiteration of particulars, misspellings, and crimes in restatement [4].

Delphi procedures

The study was carried out between September and November 2017 and was conducted via electronic correspondence, using Google Drive * flyers and an Excel * spread distance. The statistical analysis was done on an anonymised database. The study comported of two rounds of questionnaires transferred to the actors. Actors had access to the results of the first round before sharing in the alternate round. Communication with the actors was done through an-mail account created for this purpose. All dispatches transferred, as well as collected data, were reviewed by experimenters to insure clarity, simplicity and functionality of the entire process. Ane-mail was transferred to all implicit actors, containing a brief description of the study and its objects, inviting them to unite. After agreeing to share, a law number was assigned to actors, to insure obscurity [5].

In the first round, actors were asked to assess the significance of particulars for addition in the family drug training class on a five- point Likert- type scale(from 1 = not important to 5 = veritably important). The mean group responses for each item were calculated. A cut- off of 80 was chosen as the agreement value for scores of 4 and 5. Actors were asked to compare their responses from the first round to the group average and tore-assess the particulars. The ideal was to promote reflection by the actors in order to reach agreement. At the end of the alternate round, the results were anatomized and the cut- off applied for agreement. Consensus was considered to have been attained in all particulars that had a concordance of at least 80 for the scores of 4 or 5, on a scale of 1 - 5 [6].

Discussion

Main findings

This study was designed to develop a public agreement on the knowledge and chops that family croakers must acquire in respiratory conditions by the end of vocational training. Broader subjects similar as the significance ormulti-morbidity and polypharmacy, or the Page 2 of 3

significance of psychosocial factors in respiratory conditions, are formerly an important part of vocational training in family drug in Portugal.21, 22, 23

Using the Delphi system, 159 particulars (38.8 of the original 399 particulars) grouped in 14 themes, were linked by agreement of a panel of experts. Half of the total number of particulars included in the class belonged to the themes "presenting problems", "interventions and forestalment" and "asthma and emphysema"(12.6) [7].

External validity

The European Academy of preceptors in General Practice/ Family Medicine(EURACT), through its Educational Agenda, 24 proposes a reference tool for the colourful tutoring and training programs of family drug at European position. In addition to defining core capabilities for a family croaker, it also proposes the stylish tutoring strategies and how and where they should be tutored. In addition to describing learning objects in primary health care operation, it encompasses the capabilities needed for a case- centred, holistic, and comprehensive and community- acquainted approach. Still, this document doesn't concentrate specifically on the knowledge and chops of each group of conditions [8].

Internal validity

The present study linked the specific knowledge and chops to be acquired and that are neglected from other public portfolios. For asthma there was a high degree of agreement regarding certain capabilities similar as developing operation plans and writing written action plans for the case. All the capabilities related to the opinion, treatment and education of the case were also considered important. There was agreement on the significance of ordering, and interpretation of individual tests (e.g. Spirometry or cutaneous antipathetic tests) though it wasn't considered important for the family croaker to conduct these tests alone. This is harmonious with the current training portfolio.

Conclusion

The present study attained agreement on 159 particulars considered important in the area of the respiratory conditions for trainees in family drug. This study may contribute to the addition of fresh particulars of knowledge and chops related to RD to the family drug class. It may encourage discussion of tutoring of family drug in Portugal. It may give decision makers with mindfulness of the knowledge and chops to be acquired during vocational training [9].

The authors will use the content of this agreement document to make proffers to the directors of the vocational training program in family drug in Portugal on the knowledge and chops that family croakers must have in respiratory drug when they finish vocational training. Numerous of these literacy and chops objects are formerly part of the training program. The authors believe that the fresh suggestions to be included are attainable within the present frame of vocational training.

The study is applicable to preceptors of family drug in other countries in Europe as well. Being documents like the EURACT educational docket suggest general principles for training without listing the clinical motifs to be tutored, while the current study presents specific knowledge and skill particulars in respiratory drug to be tutored and learned. Countries with analogous health care systems, analogous task biographies in general practice, and analogous case requirements may use these results for unborn development of they enjoy programs. Posterior exploration at a European position may help to clarify the impact of the respiratory educational docket on perfecting the quality of care in this area [10].

Conflicts of interest

The authors have no conflicts of interest to declare.

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