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1. Evaluation of medical training in Austria

In March 2025 the evaluation of medical training in Austria went into its third year. As in 2024 the evaluation was carried out in cooperation with the ETH Zurich (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich).

This year the response rate was 59% (compared to 53% in 2024).

The basic questions on training are identical to last year, i.e., global rating of the training center; professional competence; learning culture; leadership culture; error culture and patient safety; decision-making culture; operational culture; evidence-based medicine.

Additional questions referred to “satisfaction with the specialist exam/GP exam and CME/CPD” as well as to “clinical practical year (during medical studies) and basic medical training (first 9 months of postgraduate training)”. The last question came up due to a change in the Medical Act, which will come into effect on June 1st, 2026. Based on the new regulation certain contents from the clinical practical year might be accredited towards basic medical training, which is undergone at the beginning of postgraduate medical training.

The results of this years’ study were presented on September 10th 2025. The study does not only focus on quality assurance, it is also a decision tool for doctors in training to decide on the hospital where they might take up their postgraduate training, as the complete results can be found online (https://ausbildungsevaluierung.aerztekammer.at/2025/) for every Austrian training institution.

2. Salary study

A current nationwide salary survey is being conducted in Austria in collaboration with ETH Zurich and HF Partners.

3. Utilization of publicly funded outpatient clinics

The Federal Council of Employed Doctors is currently analysing the utilization of the publicly funded outpatient clinics in Austria. Therefore, a closer look has been taken at the development of consultations in outpatient clinics from 2014 to 2024. The consultations by ambulatory patients have increased in this timeframe at a mean annual rate of 1.6%. Since inpatients can receive treatments in outpatient clinics, also the consultations by this group of patients have been examined: consultations have decreased annually by 1.6% on average. Aggregate consultations

in outpatient clinics, including consultations by ambulatory patients as well as inpatients, have been rather stable. Their mean annual rate of change was 0.3%. An interesting finding is that the costs of the treatment of ambulatory patients in the publicly funded outpatient clinics in Austria have increased sharply at an average annual rate of 9.6%.

4. Survey of chief physicians

In 2025, a survey of Austrian chief physicians will be conducted for the first time.

5. Specialist in general and family medicine

On January 1st, 2025, the specialist in general and family medicine was introduced. The recognition procedures are currently underway.

6. Inquiry: “How Crisis-Resilient Are Our Hospitals?”

On November 12th 2025, the Federal Council of Employed Doctors is hosting an inquiry on the topic "How Crisis-Resilient Are Our Hospitals?". The Federal Chamber of Employed Doctors wants to discuss, in this inquiry, with experts from the Ministries of Health and Defense, crisis managers, and those responsible in our hospitals, the measures that are necessary to be prepared for extraordinary events – and also how well or poorly Austria is currently prepared for such situations. Participation is also possible online (https://youtube.com/live/n8YHXcnvuLo).

7. Private Medical Universities in Austria

As the number of private medical universities in Austria is growing (4 public universities vs 4 private universities) – currently even the smallest of the nine Austrian provinces is planning its own university - the Federal Council of Employed Doctors held a panel-discussion on the pros and cons of private medical universities on May 7th, 2025. The message: University medical education in Austria is of high quality and is regarded as equally valuable in both the private and public sectors – even though it is not “identical”. The videos of the event are available on YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGObQ-8PqFmY0dhlGka4NADpN4ZL9uV3D).

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