



The health workforce – in need of a „booster“ for mental health protection and violence prevention

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Chairs: Sarada Das (CPME) and Dr Ellen Kuhlmann (EUPHA-HWR)

More than two years of the COVID-19 pandemic have left the health workforce facing a constantly high workload, stress and moral challenges and increasingly also hate and violence especially from those refusing vaccination. These experiences threaten the health and wellbeing of individual healthcare professionals and urgently need greater attention in health policy and pandemic protection and recovery plans. They will cause burn-out and resignations, and will thus reinforce existing health labour market shortages. This webinar provides new empirical data and discusses the need for new approaches to health workforce management that pay greater attention to mental health services and protection from violence.

Introduction: Protect healthcare workers, invest in mental health and wellbeing
Sarada Das and Dr Ellen Kuhlmann

Violence, stress and burnout: the hidden threats of the COVID-19 pandemic for healthcare professionals
Dr Daiva Brogiené and Dr Jacques de Haller, CPME

European Medical Organisations' action on violence against health professionals
Dr José Santos, European Council of Medical Orders (CEOM)

Fears to contract COVID-19 and future affective responses in healthcare workers: findings from Lausanne, Switzerland
Dr Véronique S. Grazioli, Center for Primary Care and Public Health, Chair of Medicine for Vulnerable Populations, University of Lausanne, Switzerland

The gap between infection protection and individual perceptions: findings from a COVID-19 study at Hannover Medical School, Germany
PD Dr Alexandra Dopfer-Jablonka and Dr Ellen Kuhlmann, Hannover Medical School, Clinic for Rheumatology and Immunology

Protecting the mental health of the health workforce: what can we do?
Q+A, discussion and concluding remarks, moderated by Chairs