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The Programme For Exchange of Personnel of EBAss

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The EBAss is an international, not-for-profit organisation, represented in more than 10 European countries, which has as primary objectives the development of interprofessional communications, the harmonisation of education programmes and the development of a common approach to prevention and safety in hyperbaric treatment centres

Objective

The main aim of this programme is to increase knowledge of hyperbaric practices among members; it is felt that members who are given the opportunity to visit facilities other than their own will bring back valuable experience to their centres. Exchanging personnel will also help with the homogenisation of standards across Europe which should increase safety for the staff and patients.

Methods

Only Hyperbaric facilities that have close links with hospitals will be used as placements for this scheme. For 2006, five Hyperbaric centres were selected: Amsterdam (The Netherlands), Lille (France), Murnau (Germany), Plymouth (UK), Roma (Italy).

A member wishing to enrol in this scheme should contact the secretary of EBAss stating which facility they are interested in visiting; initial contact with the hyperbaric facility will then be made by EBAss.

Participants of this programme should register with EBAss and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

When the member visits the facility they will be there as an observer only; they will not be employed as part of the work process however they will be expected to abide by that facilities rules and must at all times act in a professional manner. Once the visit is complete the member will be expected to write a full report of his/her activities during the programme which can then be used as an article for inclusion in EBAss News; the format of the report will be provided by EBAss.

Hyperbaric facilities that are interested in hosting visits by personnel should also contact EBAss in order for her to create a list of others interested facilities.

EBAss will contribute to the cost of travel between the accepted members home facility and the chosen exchange facility ; the EBAss contribution will not exceed 200€ maximum on presentation of invoice.

EBAss will form the link between the participating member and the facility chosen and will keep the medical directors of the chosen facility informed.

Discussion

EBAss wish to stimulate professional exchanges and intellectual reflexion aiming towards the promotion of this novel form of continuous education: "informed" observation of the activities of a hyperbaric treatment centre.

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