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DEVELOPMENT OF MANAGERIAL COMPETENCIES IN FAMILY PHYSICIAN TRAINING: CONTENT, TYPES, AND EDUCATIONAL APPROACHES

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Abstract

The development of managerial competencies among future family physicians is an essential component of modern medical education and the effective organization of primary healthcare services. Family physicians perform not only clinical and preventive functions but also coordinate multidisciplinary healthcare activities, manage patient care pathways, organize medical documentation, participate in resource allocation, and contribute to healthcare quality improvement. These responsibilities require an integrated system of organizational, communicative, analytical, leadership, and decision-making competencies. The aim of this study is to examine the content and classification of managerial competencies required in family physician training and identify effective educational approaches for their development. The research is based on a theoretical analysis of international competency frameworks, scientific literature, and contemporary approaches to medical education. The findings of the conceptual analysis indicate that managerial competence should be considered a multidimensional professional characteristic encompassing strategic planning, clinical coordination, teamwork, resource management, digital literacy, and quality assurance. The article proposes a competency-oriented educational framework integrating problem-based learning, simulation, interdisciplinary training, reflective practice, and workplace-based assessment. The proposed approach may provide a methodological foundation for improving the professional readiness of future family physicians to perform organizational and managerial responsibilities in primary healthcare.

Keywords: family medicine, family physician training, managerial competence, primary healthcare, medical education, leadership, healthcare management, clinical decision-making, professional competencies, competency-based education.

Introduction

Modern healthcare systems increasingly emphasize the importance of accessible, continuous, coordinated, and patient-centered primary healthcare. Family physicians occupy a central position in this system because they provide comprehensive medical care, monitor chronic diseases, implement preventive interventions, and coordinate referrals to specialized healthcare services.

The professional responsibilities of family physicians extend beyond the diagnosis and treatment of individual patients. They frequently participate in organizing clinical workflows, coordinating healthcare teams, managing medical information, prioritizing patient needs, and improving the quality and safety of healthcare services.

These activities require managerial competencies that complement traditional clinical knowledge and practical medical skills.

The World Health Organization identifies primary healthcare as a comprehensive approach to health that includes integrated health services, multisectoral action, and the empowerment of individuals and communities [1].

Within this framework, family physicians contribute not only to individual patient care but also to the coordination and continuity of healthcare delivery.

However, traditional medical education has often placed greater emphasis on biomedical knowledge, clinical diagnosis, and treatment than on organizational leadership, resource management, and healthcare service coordination.

Consequently, future family physicians may encounter difficulties when assuming responsibilities that require managerial decision-making and interdisciplinary cooperation.

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The development of managerial competencies should therefore be considered an important component of professional medical training.

Relevance of the Study

The relevance of this research is associated with the increasing complexity of primary healthcare services and the growing need for effective organization of medical activities.Family physicians must respond to diverse clinical and organizational challenges, including increasing patient demand, chronic disease management, coordination with specialists, preventive care, and the efficient use of available healthcare resources.In these circumstances, clinical competence alone may be insufficient to ensure effective professional performance.A physician may possess extensive medical knowledge but experience difficulties organizing teamwork, managing time, coordinating patient referrals, or resolving conflicts within a healthcare organization.Such challenges demonstrate the importance of integrating managerial preparation into family medicine education.

The CanMEDS Physician Competency Framework identifies the Leader role as an essential dimension of physicians' professional responsibilities, emphasizing participation in healthcare improvement, stewardship of resources, leadership, and career management [2].

Similarly, competency-based medical education recognizes the importance of integrating knowledge, skills, professional attitudes, and observable performance into comprehensive professional preparation [3].

These approaches provide a theoretical foundation for examining the content and types of managerial competencies required in family physician training.

Aim and Objectives of the Study

The aim of the study is to theoretically substantiate the content and classification of managerial competencies in family physician training and identify effective educational approaches for their systematic development.

The study focuses on defining managerial competence, identifying its principal structural components, examining educational methods for developing managerial skills, and proposing a competency-based framework for their assessment.

Materials and Methods

The study was conducted as a theoretical and methodological investigation based on a narrative review of scientific literature and international professional competency frameworks.

The methodological approach included comparative analysis, theoretical synthesis, classification, generalization, and educational modeling.

The analysis drew on the World Health Organization's primary healthcare framework, the CanMEDS Physician Competency Framework, the principles of competency-based medical education, and research concerning clinical leadership and interprofessional collaboration.

The study examined the professional responsibilities of family physicians and identified managerial competencies relevant to the organization and delivery of primary healthcare services.

An integrated educational framework was developed by combining competency-oriented learning principles with practice-based approaches to medical training.

No original survey, experiment, or clinical dataset was collected. Therefore, the results represent a theoretical classification and proposed educational model rather than empirically demonstrated improvements in managerial competence.

Results and Discussion

Communication is a fundamental component of both clinical practice and healthcare management.Family physicians communicate with patients, relatives, colleagues, administrators, and representatives of other healthcare services.Managerial communication involves explaining decisions, coordinating tasks, providing feedback, and resolving disagreements constructively.Conflicts may arise because of differences in professional opinions, workload distribution, organizational priorities, or patient expectations.Future family physicians should therefore develop skills in active listening, negotiation, respectful communication, and collaborative problem-solving.Role-playing exercises and

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simulated clinical meetings can provide opportunities to practice these abilities in a controlled educational environment.

Clinical decision-making and analytical competence

Analytical competence refers to the ability to evaluate information, identify problems, compare alternative solutions, and make justified decisions.In primary healthcare, managerial decisions are often closely connected with clinical responsibilities.For example, a family physician may need to determine the appropriate sequence of diagnostic procedures, prioritize referrals, or organize follow-up care for patients with multiple chronic conditions.These decisions require consideration of clinical evidence, patient preferences, available resources, and relevant healthcare regulations.Evidence-based medicine provides an important foundation for such decision-making.Sackett and colleagues describe evidence-based medicine as the integration of clinical expertise with the best available external clinical evidence [4].In family physician training, analytical competence can be developed through problem-based learning, clinical case discussions, and exercises requiring the evaluation of alternative management strategies.

Resource management and economic competence

Resource management competence involves the responsible use of time, medical equipment, diagnostic services, personnel, and financial resources within the physician's professional responsibilities.Primary healthcare systems operate under resource constraints, making efficient organization essential.Family physicians should understand the principles of rational resource utilization without compromising patient safety or the quality of medical care.For example, unnecessary duplication of diagnostic examinations may increase costs and create additional burdens for patients.Appropriate coordination and evidence-based decision-making can support more efficient use of healthcare resources.Resource management training should emphasize ethical decision-making, transparency, and the importance of equitable access to healthcare.

Digital and information management competence

Digital technologies play an increasingly important role in primary healthcare organization.

Electronic health records, appointment management systems, telemedicine platforms, and clinical decision-support tools can assist physicians in organizing information and coordinating care.Family physicians must therefore develop competencies in digital documentation, information interpretation, data protection, and the responsible use of electronic healthcare systems.Digital competence also includes the ability to evaluate the reliability of medical information and recognize the limitations of automated recommendations.The development of these skills can be supported through electronic medical record simulations, digital case management exercises, and training in healthcare information security.

Quality improvement and patient safety competence

Quality improvement competence refers to the ability to identify weaknesses in healthcare processes, evaluate service performance, and participate in activities aimed at improving patient outcomes.Family physicians may contribute to quality improvement by monitoring follow-up practices, reviewing clinical documentation, and participating in the analysis of preventable errors.Patient safety should remain a central principle of managerial decision-making.The World Health Organization's Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021–2030 emphasizes the importance of developing systems and professional practices that reduce avoidable harm in healthcare [5].Future physicians should therefore learn to recognize organizational risks, report safety concerns appropriately, and participate in continuous improvement activities.

Educational approaches to developing managerial competencies

The development of managerial competencies requires the integration of theoretical instruction with practical professional experience.Lectures can provide foundational knowledge concerning healthcare organization, leadership, ethics, and management principles.However, practical competencies require active learning methods.Problem-based learning encourages students to analyze complex professional situations and develop reasoned solutions.Simulation-based education allows

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future physicians to practice organizational decisions in realistic but controlled scenarios.For example, a simulation may involve managing a primary healthcare clinic during a period of increased patient demand.Students may be required to prioritize consultations, coordinate staff responsibilities, and maintain safe patient care.Interprofessional education can help future physicians understand the responsibilities of other healthcare professionals and develop collaborative skills.

Reflective practice enables students to analyze their decisions, identify areas for improvement, and develop professional self-awareness.

Together, these approaches provide opportunities to integrate managerial knowledge with practical medical responsibilities.

A competency-based model for family physician training

Based on the theoretical analysis, an integrated model is proposed for developing managerial competencies in future family physicians.

The model includes four interconnected components.

The cognitive component encompasses knowledge of healthcare organization, management principles, clinical coordination, professional ethics, and healthcare quality standards.

The motivational and value-based component includes professional responsibility, commitment to patient-centered care, ethical decision-making, and willingness to participate in organizational improvement.

The operational component involves practical abilities in planning, teamwork, communication, resource management, digital documentation, and clinical coordination.

The reflective and evaluative component includes self-assessment, critical analysis of professional decisions, feedback interpretation, and continuous improvement.

These components should be developed progressively throughout medical training.The proposed educational sequence involves theoretical preparation, analysis of professional situations, simulation-based practice, supervised clinical experience, and competency assessment.This approach is consistent with the broader principles of competency-based medical education, which emphasize observable professional performance and progressive development [3].

Assessment of managerial competence

The evaluation of managerial competence should involve multiple assessment methods.Written examinations can assess theoretical knowledge of healthcare organization and management.Case-based assignments can evaluate analytical reasoning and decision-making.Simulation exercises can assess communication, teamwork, prioritization, and organizational behavior.Workplace-based assessment can provide evidence of professional performance during supervised clinical practice.Reflective portfolios may document the development of leadership skills and professional responsibility over time.It is important to distinguish perceived confidence from demonstrated competence.A student may report feeling prepared to manage a clinical team without demonstrating sufficient practical ability to coordinate healthcare activities.

Therefore, managerial competence should be evaluated through observable performance, structured feedback, and clearly defined assessment criteria.

Conclusion

The development of managerial competencies is an essential component of preparing future family physicians for effective professional activity in modern primary healthcare systems.Managerial competence represents a multidimensional professional characteristic that integrates organizational planning, leadership, communication, analytical decision-making, resource management, digital literacy, and quality improvement.These competencies complement clinical knowledge and support the effective coordination of patient-centered healthcare services.The theoretical analysis indicates that managerial preparation should be systematically integrated into family medicine curricula rather than treated as an isolated administrative subject.Problem-based learning, simulation, interprofessional education, supervised clinical practice, and reflective assessment provide methodological opportunities for developing managerial skills.The proposed competency-based model combines cognitive, motivational,

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operational, and reflective components within a unified educational framework.Its implementation may support the professional readiness of future family physicians to participate in healthcare organization and management.Further empirical research is necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed model and determine its influence on observable managerial performance.Overall, strengthening managerial competence in family physician training can contribute to more coordinated, responsible, and patient-centered primary healthcare services.

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