

Wonca Young Doctor's Movements- A Way into The Future

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Background: The World Organization of Family Doctors has long worked to improve the quality of life of people around the world by fostering high standards of care in general practice and family medicine. The WONCA Young Doctors' Movements (YDMs) are networks for new and future family and general practice physicians. YDMs have been established in every WONCA region and the Young Doctors have a representative on the WONCA World Executive Committee.

Regional Involvement: Regional involvement varies largely across the spectrum due to variation in primary care, political influences, and funding. Vasco da Gama is the most established, they host forums with content directed at young doctors, offers bursaries, and has robust participation. Newer movements such as the Spice Route, Al Razi and Polaris are earlier in their evolution and are just beginning to offer opportunities unique to the needs of young physicians. All of the YDMs have some degree of a relationship with their national academies and educational bodies and advocate on behalf of their membership.

International Collaboration: The leadership of all 7 YDMs meet regularly to discuss initiatives, objectives, and concerns. The FM360 exchange programs and ASPIRE, an international leadership curriculum, have been developed by the YDMs. A YDM preconference is held at every WONCA World Conference which brings together young doctors from across the world.

Lessons Learnt: WONCA's Young Doctors' Movements serve an important role, they give voices to young physicians and trainees at the regional and global level while developing the leaders of tomorrow for primary care. YDMs help to improve primary care globally by supporting family doctors and providing opportunities for continuous improvement and collaboration.