



Models of Child Health Appraised

(A Study of Primary Healthcare in 30 European countries)

Announcement

CHILDREN'S PRIMARY HEALTHCARE

The new European Research Project MOCHA- Models of Child Health Appraised

Prolepsis participates as a Country Agent in the new European project MOCHA - Models of Child Health Appraised. MOCHA started in October 2015; it is a three-year project and is implemented under the EU Research and Innovation program - Horizon 2020.

MOCHA seeks to obtain and analyze key information on a range of child primary care from 30 European Commission and European Economic Area countries. The main goal of the MOCHA Project is to demonstrate the optimal model(s) of children's primary healthcare with a prevention and wellness focus, with an analysis of factors (including cultural) which might facilitate adoption, and indications for policy makers of both the health and economic gains possible.

Children are a very important population group in their own right, and morally and ethically are entitled to good health, as supported by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Children are also the future of Europe, its society and its workforce. Indeed, healthy ageing starts in childhood, as physical health and health behaviours are established then. Thus children's health is vital to children themselves and for a healthy Europe.

Health Services are structured differently throughout the European Union, and there is little research into what works best. In Europe there are two main models of health care services to children. The first model focuses on generalist general practitioners seeing the child in the family context while the second one focuses on primary care pediatricians with focused expertise. Until now there is no research showing which model is most effective, which implies that some children in Europe are likely to be receiving sub-optimal care.

Key information will be obtained and analyzed on a range of child primary care topics:

- Models of primary care delivered to children (including urgent care)
- Delivery of care across organisational boundaries (with secondary care, social care, education etc.) including complex care, and services for child protection



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- School health services
- Direct access services for adolescents
- Identification of innovative measures of Quality and Outcome
- Identification of derivatives from large data sets to measure quality and outcome
- Economic and Skill Set analyses
- Ensuring Equity for all children
- Use of electronic records in child health care

The final reports of the MOCHA project are due by the end of 2018. For the first year, the MOCHA project will collect information about each country's primary health care system for children, using a local agent in each country to collect standard scientifically focused data. The project team will then spend the next year analyzing that material and drawing preliminary conclusions. The final stage of the project will be to propose what are the best models, and how countries might adopt them. Throughout there will be a process of dissemination and stakeholder engagement.

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For more information please visit the following websites:
<http://www.childhealthservicemodels.eu/> and www.prolepsis.gr



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