

WICC report Switzerland 2016

Since 2007, the Swiss General Practitioners Association (SGAM) has held a national ICPC licence. As of last year (i.e. 2015), SGAM merged with its internal medicine counterpart, the SGIM (Swiss Society of Internal Medicine) to become SGAIM (Swiss Society of General Internal Medicine), therefore the ICPC license has been transferred to SGAIM.

In the past years, there have not been many activities involving ICPC in Switzerland. Up to this point the main application of ICPC nationwide has been the within the FIRE-Project of the University of Zurich. This project is still ongoing, though the original requirement for participants to use ICPC-Coding is no longer in place. ICPC is now accepted by the Swiss government as the (only reasonable) classification system for General Practitioners. In most of the electronic medical record systems, ICPC is available. Because in Switzerland no classification is compulsory and there is no additional direct value for GPs to use ICPC, the actual usage is rare.

Since 2016, I have the mandate from SGA(IM) to participate in the WICC-Group and to promote ICPC in Switzerland.

Weblinks (german):

Fireproject → www.fireproject.ch

ICPC-Homepage → www.icpc.ch

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