

# Country report 2018: Switzerland

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In Switzerland the use of ICPC is still on a low level, increasing slowly. In most practice information systems ICPC-2 is implemented, but there is no «state of the art» to use it. We are still missing benefits from the using of this code, this mean: no additional value for the GP.

The FIRE-Project is ongoing, but still only a few GP's are participating.

The new project OPTICA (**O**ptimising **P**harmacotherapy **I**n the multimorbid elderly in **P**rimary **C**are) has just started with the grant of the Swiss National Science Foundation. This project is like an extension of the FIRE-database. The GP get recommendations for optimizing medical treatment, based on current ICPC-Codes and medications.

I tried to get the Swiss Government involved in the ICPC-3-Consortium and started an official request in this topic. – After a first positive signal the final response were «No ». The reason I got: « No legal base to fund this ». – For me it's clear that there is no interest and this means also, that we not reached to explain the importance of a classification for general practitioners.

The supporting by SGAIM (Swiss Society of General Internal Medicine) is going down. Therefore I have to find a new source. I get in contact with the Institute of Family Medicine at the University of Zurich. The decision is expected to the end of this year.

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