

# National Report

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# Outline

- Czech Medical Chamber (and its role in the Czech health care development)
- Main current issues of the Czech Health Care System
- New Laws
- ZEVA national reports Questions and Answers

# Czech Medical Chamber

- reestablished in 1993
- Law on the Medical Chamber
- compulsory membership
- all medical doctors practicing medicine at the territory of the Czech Republic
- over 53,000 members
- 42,000 active in medical practice
- 30,000 employees
- 12,000 private

# Czech Physicians

	2016		
	Male	Female	Total
<b>Private practice</b>	5 292	7 466	12 758
<b>Graduates (0 – 2 years after university)</b>	1 111	2 262	3 373
<b>Other employees</b>	10 133	12 460	22 593
<b>Head/Senior doctors</b>	2 509	1 219	3 728
<b>Employees total</b>	13 753	15 941	29 694
<b>Retired (not practising)</b>	2 458	4 381	6 839
<b>Maternity leave</b>	6	2 915	2921
<b>Other</b>	542	532	1 074
<b>Total</b>	22 051	31 235	53 286

# Czech Health Care in 2017

- growing demand for medical doctors
- MDs shortage in hospitals (– 1000 MDs)
- aging (25% practicing MDs older than 60)
- estimate approx. 3000 MDs missing in 10 years
- closing hospital departments, clinics, hospitals
- Government promise to increase wages  
10% every year in 2017-2019

# Main problems of Czech health care

- Lack of funds
- Lack of qualified health care professionals



*BOHUŽEL, KOLEGOVÉ, JE TO VAŽNĚJŠÍ, NEŽ JSME SI MYSLELI!  
I am afraid, Dear Colleagues, that this is more serious than we thought!*



# Laws on Health Care

- Law on Postgraduate Education of MDs
- Law on Postgraduate Education of Nurses
- Law on University Hospitals

# Law on Postgraduate Education of MDs

- smaller number of specializations  
(formerly 96 specializations, 46 basic, 50 advanced)
- reduction of postgraduate education courses
- elimination of difficulties in obtaining the training
  
- not passed in the submitted version
- almost nothing of the intended objectives and changes adopted



# Law on Postgraduate Education of Nurses

- elimination of the duty of tertiary education for all nurses
- elimination of the duty to register repeatedly
- aim fulfilled
- Drawback:  
new university specialization China Medicine Therapist

# Bill on University Hospitals

- transfer of present University Hospitals (Faculty Hospitals)
- from the state governed institutions into a specific form of ownership
- breaking the network of existing hospitals
- greater vulnerability
- easier privatization
- laid off



# Violence against physicians

- growing violence of patients

## CAUSES

- 1) statements of politicians (everyone entitled to the best care)
  - 2) widely covered (real or alleged) physicians' mistakes
- diminishing numbers of the health care personnel
  - higher penalties for violence against health care workers on duty

# Specialization & expert competence

- Regulation (issued by the Ministry of Health Care):  
= description of content and competence of individual specializations
- some specializations described ambiguously/overlapping
- functional licences for practice of certain new medical competences and skills

# Licensing and CME

- Continuing medical education (CME)
- obligatory for doctors in the Czech Republic
- x obligation is declaratory (no sanctions)
- responsibility: The Ministry of Health Care
  - faculties of medicine
  - expert medical associations (professional societies)
  - Czech Medical Chamber (the only comprehensive system)
  - other organizations

# Licensing and CME

## Czech Medical Chamber

- the only comprehensive system
- register of educational events
- credit system
- diploma (valid for five years, after 150 credits in five-year term)
- CME diploma necessary for the license of the chief physician (senior doctor), valid for 10 years

# Treatment protocols

- no mandatory treatment protocols
- expert associations - own treatment guidelines  
(not legally binding)
- the Chamber - the right to issue mandatory protocols
- the only mandatory protocols adopted - regarding health care organization



Thank you  
for your attention