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Country: Turkey

Titel of the project: Stop Stroke - Primary Care ECG Training Program / 1 M ECG

Project details

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Award amount: €50,000

This is an internet based primary care ECG training program for family physicians. In addition, an online ECG consultation to evaluate recordings will be given by cardiologists to primary care physicians. During the project period, 1 million ECG recordings will be collected to investigate the AF prevalence.

All provinces in Turkey will be in the new primary care system at the beginning of 2011. The whole system will run with 25.000 family physicians. Each family physician will be responsible for 3500 people in his/her region and will provide outpatient care in primary care units and home visits. According to the Ministry of Health regulations, an ECG recorder must be kept in every primary care unit. The majority of family physicians needs ECG interpretation training according to recent surveys. The aim of this project is to provide video and flash based internet training program for the interpretation of ECG and cardiac arrhythmias. During this program, primary care physicians will also be encouraged to have recordings of ECGs in high risk patients for AF. The physicians will also be able to have a consultation service from a group of cardiologists to evaluate recordings via this platform by e-mails. Every physician registering to the platform will be asked to send ECG recordings of individuals over 40 years old until the number of recordings will reach 1 million. All the recordings will be analysed for AF prevalance in Turkey.

Audience

Type

· Healthcare professionals

Location

Turkey, Asia