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The European Association of Hospital Managers (EAHM) invites you to attend their latest seminar, which takes place in Düsseldorf, Germany on November 20th 2009.

The Context and Purpose of the Seminar

Most countries in Europe have evolved to a mixed system with 2 or 3 types of hospitals: Public, private not-for profit and private for profit hospitals.

Hospital managers in the different countries throughout Europe each have their own experiences with public and private activities.

Private hospitals are often obliged to take part in the public service while public hospitals are trying to develop private activities to remain within their budget.

Hospital managers also come under different pressures, from financial constraints to external accountability. That being said, benchmarking could prove extremely useful for hospital managers. It would be interesting for hospital managers to benchmark the different possibilities for organising the current and future delivery of care in their hospitals.

What are the differences (and impact) on the level of quality, equity, budget etc? What is the best solution for the patient? Is outsourcing of specific activities in public hospitals a good solution? What is the best evolution for organising healthcare given the financial crisis? What is the impact of the financial crisis on the working conditions for private and public hospitals?

The purpose of the seminar is to create understanding by introducing and explaining these different models. The seminar also aims to help the participants in their search for the options that are best suited for their particular situation and system. Learning from the different systems by analysing the different options, EAHM hopes the participants will be better prepared for future decisions.

Overview of Programme

The seminar will begin with an overview of the current situation of public and private actors around Europe, indicating the factors needed to be taken into consideration when analysing the organisation of healthcare. This is followed by the viewpoints from a proponent of the public hospital model and a proponent of the private hospital model, declaring their contribution and advantages in delivering healthcare.

In the afternoon, three speakers in this field, from different countries will take the stage. They will objectively inform the participants of their experiences with public and private actors in healthcare as well as the cooperation between them.

Finally, a round table debate will be held featuring the speakers, giving participants the opportunity to ask any questions they may have.

The seminar will be held in conjunction with the EAHM General Assembly 2009 and German Hospital Day, both of which are taking place during the world's largest medical trade fair, MEDICA.

The seminar will be held in German and English. Participation is free but registration is required. Seminar details and registration form can be found on the EAHM-website: www.eahm.eu.org

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