

Title: **Working Group Interprofessional Education**

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Description: For ensuring effective and efficient Health Care, experts demand improved teamwork of health professionals (WR 2012; SVR 2007/2009/2014). For that reason it is necessary to bring together different health professionals (e. g. physicians, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nurses etc.) during their vocational training or study programs and not only in further education programs. Hence it is important to enable common learning situations for interprofessional teamwork and communication.

IPE occurs when two or more professions learn from, with and about each other in order to improve teamwork and health care outcomes (CAIPE 2002). Currently, Germany has not paid enough attention to that aspect yet – especially in comparison to Anglo-American or Scandinavian countries. But during the last few years, this deficit has been recognized here as well. In consequence, a few initiatives were established, which are endeavoring to make IPE an integral part of health professions education.

A substantial aim of the working group IPE is to analyze the field of IPE critically by research. Future activities refer to both – initiation, implementation, scientific monitoring of relevant practice projects – and a systematic exploration of supporting and inhibiting factors of how IPE is acquired and conveyed. The project outcomes will be published in relevant journals, presented at congresses as well as they will be content of our study programs.

Certain members of our working group are involved in research and developing projects focussing on IPE, which are funded by Robert Bosch Foundation and other partners: (1) InterTUT II and (2) National core curriculum for IPE and communication. Moreover our project cooperates with other Charité projects INTERMEPP and IPIKA

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