



European Union Evidence Based Medicine Unity Project (EUebm Unity)

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Background:

Evidence based medicine (EBM) refers to the integration of current best patient-centred research into clinical decision making. Acquisition of knowledge and skills for EBM is becoming a core competence to be acquired by all doctors. However, EBM is not uniformly taught as part of postgraduate medical education in the UK or Europe.

The Birmingham Women's Health Care NHS Trust, together with ten European partners have been granted funding from the EU Leonardo da Vinci programme to run a pilot project addressing this training need.

Aim:

The EU EBM Unity project aims to develop a European Qualification in Evidence Based Medicine (EBM) that will improve the relevance and quality of medical training in Europe, and enable doctors to easily integrate into the healthcare systems of other member states

Technological approach:

A project-specific web-site has been developed (www.ebm-unity.org). Web-based interactive teaching materials and assessment tools will be developed, using a variety of e-learning concepts. The course management system Moodle is integrated into this website. Didactic tools are adapted to the needs of web-based training, promoting instant communication, enabling participants to exchange materials and information all over Europe.

Teaching Methods:

The project will develop an EBM curriculum that is integrated into clinical practice. A blended learning approach will be used. Using the concepts of e-learning combined with conventional lectures.

Expected results:

A core curriculum and web-based training tools for teaching EBM adaptable to each country's requirements.