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ACCREDITATION OF POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION IN SWITZERLAND

BETWEEN EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE POLICIES

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BACKGROUND: MEDICAL PROFESSIONS ACT (MPA) CH

Chapter 1: Subject and Scope

Article 1 Subject

This law promotes, in the interest of public health, the quality of university education, postgraduate education and training, as well as the professional practice of individuals in the fields of human medicine, dentistry, chiropractic, pharmacy, and veterinary medicine.

It ensures the freedom of movement of individuals with university-level medical professions throughout the Confederation.

For this purpose, it describes:

- a. the requirements that university education and postgraduate education must meet;
- b. the prerequisites for obtaining a federal diploma and a federal continuing education title in the university medical professions;
- c. the periodic accreditation of study and postgraduate education programs;
- d. the prerequisites for the recognition of foreign diplomas and continuing education titles;
- e. the rules for practicing university medical professions under one's own professional responsibility;
- f. the requirements for the register of holders of diplomas and continuing education titles (Register).

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Chapter 5: Accreditation of Education and Training Programs and Recognition of Foreign Programs

Section 1: Principle

Article 22 Purpose and Subject of Accreditation

The purpose of accreditation is to verify whether the education programs allow individuals in education and training to achieve the goals of this law.

It includes the review of the quality of structures, processes, and outcomes.

Article 23 Accreditation Requirement

Programs leading to a federal diploma must be accredited according to the Federal Act on Funding and Coordination of the Swiss Higher Education Sector of September 30, 2011 (HFKG), and this law. Only one accreditation process takes place, which is governed by Article 32 HFKG.

Postgraduate education programs leading to a federal title must be accredited according to this law.

MEDICAL PROFESSIONS (ACCORDING TO MPA)



ACCREDITATION 25 – CONCEPT

- **guiding principle:** leaner, simpler, more effective (than before)
- „only“ 12 standards
- development-oriented (especially standards 10-12)
- all round tables (RT), as well as pre- and debriefings: via ZOOM
- distinction between responsible organisation and professional association
- total of 52 procedures at program level (45 HM, 4 DM, 2 Pharm, 1 Chiro) + prior evaluation of 3 responsible organizations (SIWF, BZW, Institute FPH)
- 3 experts per procedure (2 specialist experts + 1 trainee perspective)

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Client and Decision Maker:

Federal Department of Home Affairs (FDHA)

Responsible for Accreditation, Publisher of Quality Standards and Guidelines:

Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH)

Responsible for Conducting the External Evaluation: Swiss Agency for Accreditation and Quality Assurance (AAQ)

Responsible Organisations for Postgraduate Medical Education Programs pursuant MPA :

SIWF for 45 programs in Human Medicine

BZW for 4 programs in Dental Medicine

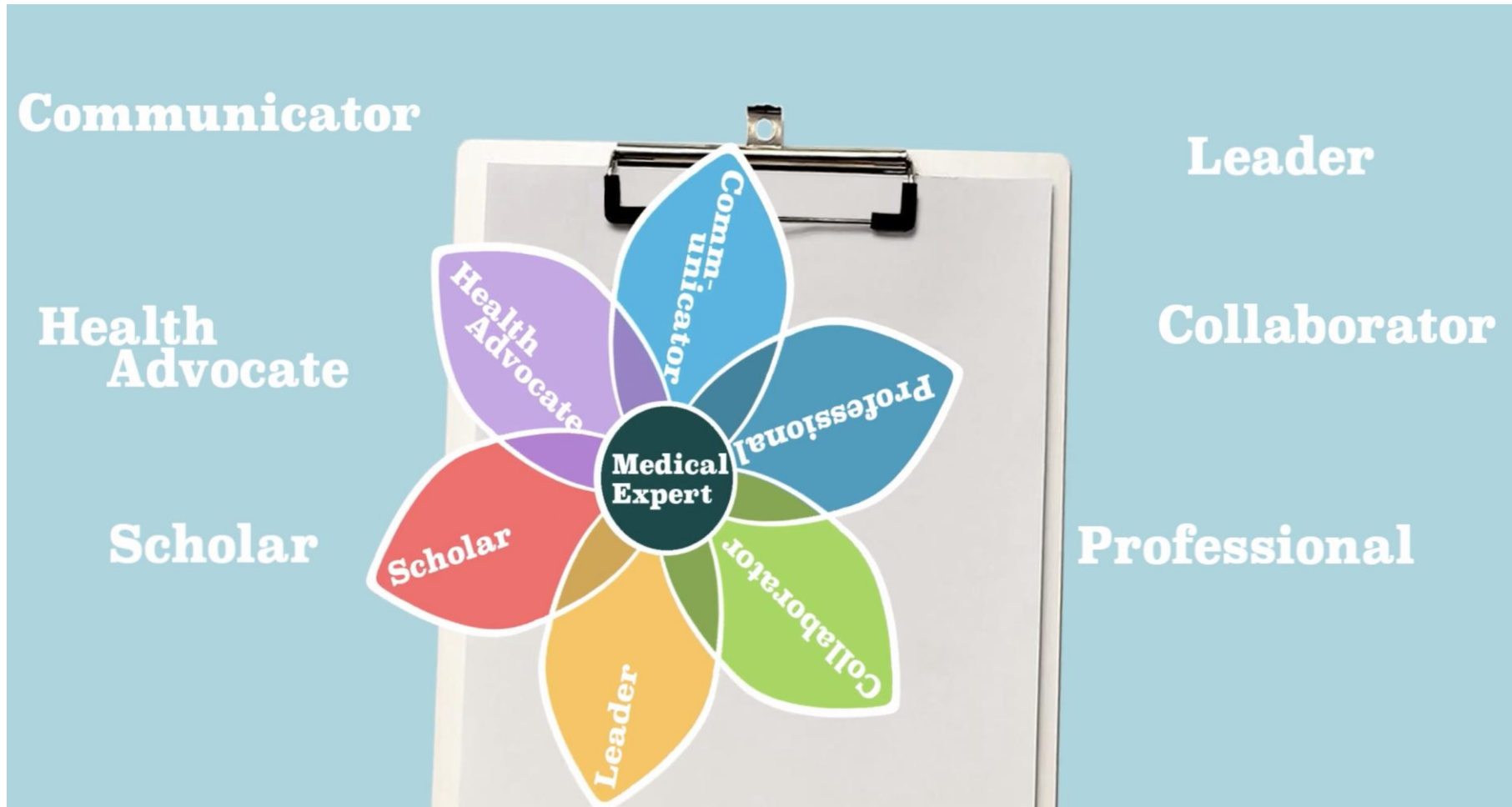
Institut FPH for 2 programs in Pharmacy

Swiss Academy of Chiropractic 1 program in Chiropractic

Professional Societies, responsible (contentwise) for the programs:

45 HM; 4 ZDM; 2 Pharma; 1 Chiropractic

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