



# *CAREER PATH OF QUALIFIED FAMILY PHYSICIAN*

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*“You are the salt of the world if the salt becomes tasteless, it’s better to cast it and trample it underfoot”.*

Jesus-Christ.



# BACKGROUND

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That is family physician to give the taste of life in the community with the basic of family medicine principle:

- To maintain the patient-physician relationship that is central to the role of the family physician with the base of ethical face to dilemma (care provider, supervisor, manager, community leader ect).
- Family physicians must be skilled clinician.
- Family physicians should be a resource to a patient population.
- a community-based discipline.



# ROLE OF FAMILY PHYSICIAN

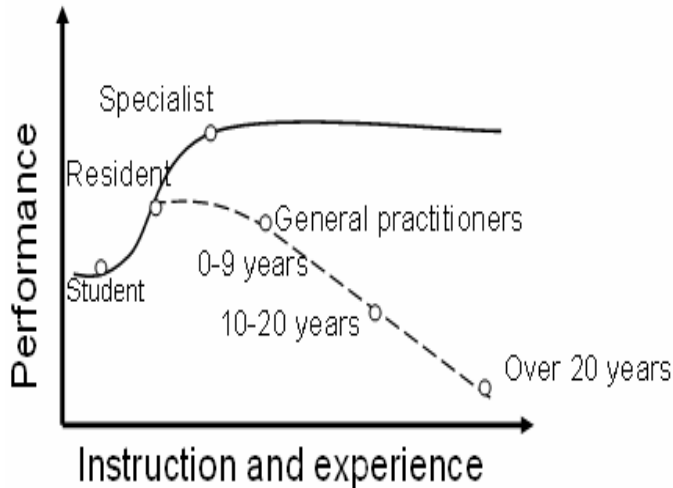


As the key role of the family physician is to provide continuous care to individual patients and their family members over the course of the lifetime.

Career path of qualified family physician is a brilliant success of Family Medicine but this is a challenge to be taken up. Because this is a new discipline that is not yet well understood by other people and it's not yet accepted as a specialized area of medicine.



# IMPORTANCE OF CME



Ericson KA. Deliberate Practice and the Acquisition and Maintenance of expert performance in medicine and related domain.

*Academic Medicine*, 2004, 79 (10) supplement S70-S75

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To take up that challenge it's up to family physician to:

- Ensure the highest standards of training, certification, and maintenance of proficiency for family physicians;
- Supporting research and disseminating knowledge; and
- Championing the rights of every to high-quality health care. With the diverse customs, traditions and belief that can be conflicting to some principal of treatment and be the dilemma to the physician.
- Educating and informing the public about healthful living; hence to organise regularly CME to show people what we are able to do and to authorities what we are in need of in our daily practice.



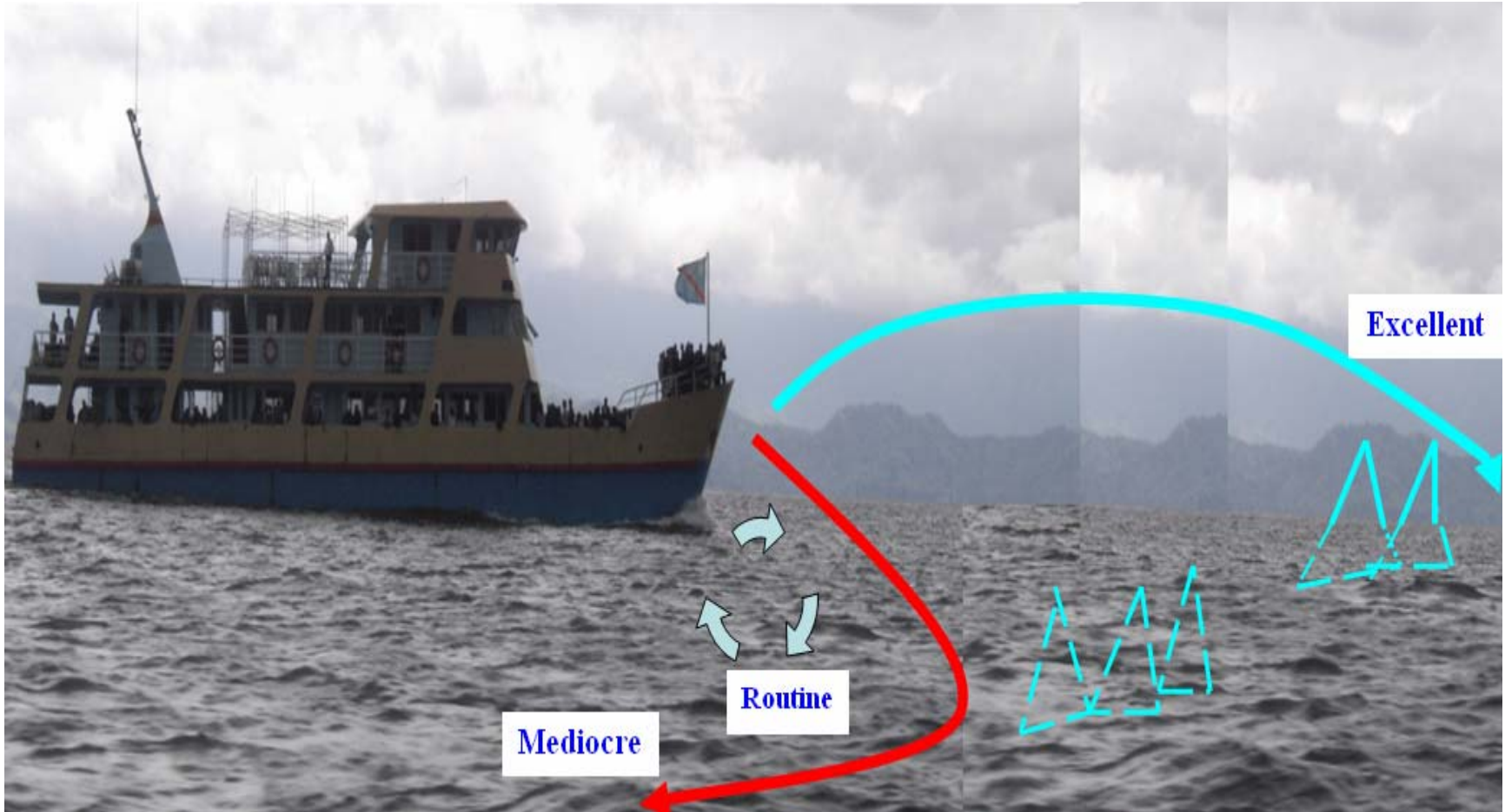
# Continue Medical Education (CME)



Medical schools should make the teaching of primary medical care an integral part of the curriculum and establish or support strong postgraduate programmes in general practice/family medicine. With the aim of encouraging the training of more general practitioners/family physicians, this document outlines their role in the health care system and the knowledge, skills and attitudes required.



# CHALLENGE



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# CONCLUSION



To end this presentation, ministries/departments of health and the World Health Organization should adopt policies that will increase the number of trained physicians in

- general/family practice. Such policies will involve placing greater emphasis on
- primary medical care in medical schools, to involve NGOs (non governmental
- organisations), creating better opportunities for postgraduate training and research
- in general/family practice, and providing greater incentives for new graduates to
- choose a career in general practice.



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