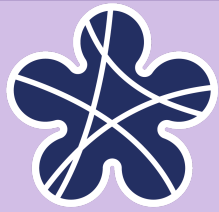


Digestible Insights: Lunchtime Webinars

Wednesday, 15th November 2023

12.00-13.00



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How do we solve some questions facing our health professions in an innovative way?

A national survey on the size and structure of occupational therapy workforce in Switzerland

As in other health professions, there is a shortage of professionals in the field of occupational therapy in Switzerland, which has an impact on the services offered to our clients. In a national cross-sectional survey, which was carried out jointly by the Universities of Applied Sciences ZHAW, HES-SO and SUPSI, the Swiss Association of Occupational Therapists (EVS/ASE) and the Foundation for Occupational Therapy, data on the occupational therapy workforce in Switzerland were collected for the first time. The results of this study show that occupational therapy is less accessible in Switzerland than in Germany and the Nordic countries, and that there are also sizeable regional differences in its accessibility within Switzerland. In addition, the results show a profound lack of gender diversity, and a lower level of employment and academization in relation to other health professions in Switzerland. In the webinar, the methodology and the central results of the survey will be presented and discussed. The focus of the discussion will not only be on occupational therapy, but on the workforce planning in the health professions. It will be lead by the following questions: How can we achieve greater gender diversity? How can we create an environment that supports women in taking on higher workloads and in pursuing management positions? How can we facilitate the further education and training? How can we encourage health professionals to work in structurally weak regions?



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