

# Objectives

The objective of the EMUTOM Module is to have an agreed common approach to teaching Occupational Medicine across Europe and the world. The intention is not to develop a specialist-training course; it is to extend awareness and relevant knowledge of work and health topics among people who need to manage or advise on these issues.

If health professionals understand the two-ways relationship between health and work, there is a potential for more adequate prevention and less absenteeism from work. Promoting work ability, avoiding occupational diseases and injuries not only affects workers' health, but also brings less costs and more benefits for companies as well as society.

In addition, we aim to enhance medical students' interest in this field and encourage them to consider occupational medicine as a challenging career.

## Funding



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## Partnership

At this time, the EMUTOM partnership is composed by educational experts and specialists in occupational medicine from 5 different universities geographically distant from one another (Ghent, Belgium [coordinator]; Rouen, France; Amsterdam, The Netherlands; Timisoara, Romania; and Belgrade, Serbia), with very different academic cultures but all of them committed to bring together their specialized knowledge on occupational medicine and create a learning module with a high level of quality.

## Final conference

The final conference, presenting the project outcomes, will be organized in Timisoara (Romania), on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September, 2012. The theme will be "Class and e-learning in occupational medicine for undergraduate students"

# EMUTOM

## European Module for Undergraduate Teaching of Occupational Medicine

All medical doctors, whichever speciality they practice, have a key role in the prevention, diagnosis & treatment of work-related diseases and the promotion and maintenance of good health, but their training in occupational medicine is usually limited.

EMUTOM is a project aimed at enhancing collaboration between European medical faculties through the design of a module for teaching health and work issues that allows for harmonisation and transparency in terms of competencies and learning outcomes.





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Welcome to the EMUTOM website for education in the basic tenets of occupational medicine. Here teachers and students can find easily accessible and quality learning material outlining the effect of work on health and the impact of health on work. Study of this module is beneficial to all health professionals who are likely to encounter a variety of work and health issues in their daily practice.

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# EMUTOM Website

## Content of the website

### Introduction

- Definitions and general principles
- European labour market and support
- Extent of the problem
- Key questions for the future

### Effect of work on health

- Introduction
- Toxicological agents and chemicals
- Biological agents
- Physical agents
- Physics – Ergonomics
- Psychosocial – mental aspects

### Fitness for work

- Consequences of (chronic) illness for the work and how to actively support return to work
- Fitness of an individual for a job: pre-employment examination and preventive periodical medical examination
- What every physician should ask about fitness for work

### Workplace health promotion

- Definitions
- Background to workplace health promotion
- The European Reference Model

