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Invitation for PhD defense

by Sofie Gjessing Miehe



TOMORROW'S DOCTOR

A Longitudinal Study of the Intention to Become a General Practitioner During Medical Education

Friday, 21st of June 2024 at 14.00
in room 11.01.032 at AAU SUND,
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About the PhD thesis

An ageing population with more patients suffering from chronic illnesses and multiple health conditions is expected to lead to a higher demand for general practitioners in the future. Addressing this need requires strategies such as recruiting more medical trainees into general practice specialization. However, there is limited understanding of how and why medical trainees in Denmark develop their intention to become general practitioners.

This PhD thesis comprises three studies that provide a longitudinal investigation into the development of the intention to pursue a career in general practice during medical education in Denmark. The first study examined medical trainees' preferences for various specializations by analyzing the distribution of specialty considerations in a national cohort just before they began their first postgraduate training year. The second study identified factors associated with different orientations towards a future in general practice within the same cohort, aiming to generate insights into the potential recruitment of trainees who are undecided about their specialization. The third and final study tracked the development of the intention to become a general practitioner over time by assessing specialty orientations and related work and career factors both before entering the first postgraduate training year and again after 15-17 months.

Overall, this thesis provides valuable insights into how the intention to become a general practitioner evolves during the transition from undergraduate to postgraduate medical education. It highlights the significant role of personal life priorities among medical trainees aspiring to be general practitioners, emphasizing their desire for autonomy over working hours and conditions, as well as the importance of geographical considerations. The findings enhance the understanding of the specialty choice process over time and elucidate why medical trainees opt for general practice over other specializations.

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The Department of Clinical Medicine, Aalborg University and the Research Unit for General Practice in Aalborg are pleased to invite to PhD defense by *MD, Sofie Gjessing Miehle*, who will defend the thesis entitled:

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After the defense there will be held a reception. All are welcome.