

Family-Centered Care as a Framework for Primary Health Care Development in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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The aim of this article is to represent family-centered care as a framework for primary health care development in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BH). A new concept of primary health care, designed as "family-centered care", will be carried out by family medicine teams in a pilot project conducted in Sarajevo. Family medicine will be established as a new discipline at graduate and postgraduate levels of medical education. The field of practice of a family health doctor, to be defined in the near future, will probably include epidemiological and managerial skills, as well as curative and preventive services, health promotion, advice and counseling. The new concept of primary health care calls for decentralization and local management in order to tailor health care activities to the constantly changing nature of the demographic, social and epidemiological profiles of the community. The new approach places considerable emphasis on health information and the need to gather and analyze community data frequently and regularly.

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