

LL-Medics on the Move

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Project Information

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Marketing Text: In Europe mobility among qualified medical staff is on the increase. The first language and culture of these medical professionals are often different from the country in which they work. Since research has shown that effective doctor-patient communication has a direct correlation with improved patient health outcomes, foreign medical professionals face a considerable challenge on the work floor.

Even though the majority of foreign medical professionals want to learn a foreign language, the reality of medical practice shows that this is not always feasible. Thus, the need for an effective approach to learning and training presents itself. To this end, an international interdisciplinary team made an inventory of the communicative needs of language discordant medical professionals from different angles, keeping in mind the limitations imposed and opportunities offered by medical practice. On the basis of the findings, the online learning tool Medics on the Move (MoM) was developed.

Summary: The LL-MoM project builds further on the Medics-on-the-Move concept, but it aims to broaden the original target audience. It takes the MoM project a step further by including absolute beginners, introducing materials for learners who can be situated at the A1 language level of the European Framework of Reference for Languages. In other words, the LL-MoM project will offer language materials for language discordant medical professionals without any knowledge of the target language. In addition, LL-MoM will investigate possibilities for blended learning, and will explore other target audiences such as medical skills labs and cultural mediators and translators.

LL-Medics on the Move aims to address the needs of language discordant medical professionals, and is therefore not developed as a traditional contact-teaching programme. It is developed in six target languages (English, Danish, Dutch, German, Italian and Swedish) and offers five interface languages (Arabic, Polish, Romanian, Russian, and Turkish). The programme provides material for autonomous learning, thereby allowing the medical professional to improve his language competence at any place and at any moment. Medics on the Move further anticipates the hectic lifestyle of the medical professional by making the language tool accessible from web-enabled mobile devices, such as smartphones, iPhones and Blackberrys. Medics-on-the-Move therefore can be regarded as an on-the-job, just-in-time learning tool that ties in with the demands of the medical profession by allowing for autonomous learning.

Language learners follow a language for specific purposes course as a preparation or assistance tool for a successful integration on the workforce. Therefore, it is important that the programme provides them with knowledge to meet the linguistic and communicative demands of their (future) professional context. The LL-MoM program aims to fulfil these objectives while realizing that medical professionals are under a great time pressure. Therefore, the language programme needs to be as efficient as possible. The developers thus have chosen to offer contextualized material to the A1 learners.

Description: The LL-MoM project provides the learner with 10 different scenarios. The scenarios build on each other in terms of vocabulary, grammar, and ear training and performance. The programme is cyclical, which implies that important language features are repeated in the materials. Each scenario starts with a text that is also offered with audio. The scenarios are complemented by four modules focusing on meaning, form, sound and communication. Each module contains an extensive

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training component with exercises. The module meaning contains wordmaps, which are semantic fields. Important words are clickable and more information about them can be found in a searchable basic glossary. The module form focuses on grammar and offers a contextualized grammar component. The module sound offers an ear-training and performance component, which also involves pedagogical tips for pronunciation in different languages. Finally, the module communication focuses on efficient communication.

Themes: *** Labor market
*** Intercultural learning
*** ICT
*** Lifelong learning
*** Open and distance learning
*** Language training
*** Continuous training
** Vocational guidance
** Initial training

Sectors: *** Human Health and Social Work Activities
*** Education

Product Types: website
teaching material
material for open learning
program or curricula
open and distance learning

Product information: The MoM programme is accessible online for desktop, laptop and mobile use (smartphones) for free. Participants make their own login.

Projecthomepage: www.medicsonthemove.eu

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Homepage: <http://www.immi.se>

Products

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Product 'Medics on the Move'

Title: Medics on the Move

Product Type: website

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Target group: Mobile medical professionals (in-training)

Result: Web-based learning (and teaching) materials for medical communication in Danish (DK), Dutch (NL), English (EN), German (DE), Italian (IT) and Swedish (SE).
With interface languages: Arabic, French, Polish, Romanian, Russian, and Turkish for easy access.
To be used on desktop, laptop and web-enabled mobile devices.

Area of application: Professional communication on the workflow
in Danish (DK), Dutch (NL), German (DE), English (EN), Italian (IT), Swedish SE)

Homepage: www.medicsonthemove.eu

Product Languages: English