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SGP Newsletter January to March 2021

Dear colleagues

The SGP Board would like to inform you about the following updates:

"Report of the expert group on curbing cost growth in the health care system", Report of the expert group of 24.08.2017

We sent you the expert report of 24.08.2017 electronically with the SGP annual report in December 2020. It is also available under the heading "Health Policy" on the SGP homepage.

In the past decades, Switzerland's health care system was able to develop very successfully under - in the political sense - liberal conditions. Now, however, broadly based political alliances are discussing and adopting a whole raft of drastic state regulations under the motto of the financial viability of the health system. The FMH, FMCH, and last but not least the USGG are working intensively to help shape health policy, to advance sensible developments and to stop harmful ideas and laws. The new FMH President, Yvonne Gilli, was a National Councillor for the Green Party from 03.12.2007 - 29.11.2015. She therefore has an excellent network in federal politics and will certainly fight vehemently against the systematic destruction of the Swiss healthcare system, which has functioned excellently until now.

MiGeL revision 2019 and stocking dispensing in the phlebology or angiology practice

Since the revision, the list of means and objects (MiGeL) explicitly states that the dispensers of compression devices must have a contract with the health insurers. This has always been the case since the introduction of Tarmed and MiGeL. Art 55 KVV (Ordinance on Health Insurance) regulates, among other things, the authorisation of orthopaedic shops and pharmacies to dispense products and articles at the expense of the OKP (compulsory health insurance).

The decades-old, unchallenged practice that ready-made lower leg compression stockings can be appropriate and dispensed in practices specialising in phlebology and/or vascular medicine is not affected by this. The medical dispensing of products and articles falls under Art 35 KVG (Health Insurance Act).

The SGP board has become aware of several cases where practising phlebologists have recently been confronted with complaints about their stocking dispensing. The SGP (Swiss Society for Phlebology) is in the process of clarifying this problem in cooperation with the USGG (Union of Swiss Societies for Vascular Diseases).

SGP-Webinar «Magna-Crosse», Cinica Sant'Anna Lugano, 04.03.2021 (online)

The next SGP webinar on the interesting topic of "Magna- Crosse" will take place from Lugano on 04.03.2021. The programme is published on the website. Participation is free of charge for SGP members.

SGP Spring Symposium, Kongresshaus Aarau, 08.05.2021 (hybrid)

On 08.05.2021, the SGP Spring Symposium will take place in Aarau as a hybrid event.

On the one hand, the event serves as preparation for young phlebologists in view of the examination for the certificate of competence in phlebology.

Furthermore, candidates for the certificate of competence in endovenous thermal ablation can complete the obligatory 8-hour clinical phlebology course here.

Last but not least, it is also an optimal update for seasoned specialists who are already in possession of their specialist diploma and skill certificates.

We will hold the hybrid event at the Kongresshaus Aarau, geographically approximately in the middle of Switzerland. Both participants and speakers are free to choose whether they would like to attend the conference as a face-to-face event or online. All face-to-face participants will receive a Corona rapid test free of charge and FFP2 masks, which will be available, must be worn throughout the event.

As of September 2020, the SGP has begun to archive the lectures held with the consent of the author (www.swissphlebology-teaching-webinar.org). The password-protected archive is available free of charge to regular SGP members and candidates for membership.

We hope we have been able to give you an update on health policy.

Above all, we would be very pleased to have aroused your interest in one or two of our training courses.

Friendly and collegial greetings!

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