

CME “needs assessment” based on family physicians opinion about their current practice

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Problem definition

- **The role of Family Medicine in Health System is not defined and not recognized yet**
- **The standards of practice are not in correspondence with principals and content of family physicians practice in other countries**
- **Lack of continuity in education system for Family Physicians, it is fragmented, often done by narrow specialists**

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Total number of physicians 10 444

Primary care clinics 1 266

Family doctors 2 005

Aim of study

- **To assess current status of Family Physicians in Republic of Moldova in order to identify challenges of their practice and to establish future needs for CME Development in Family Medicine Education.**

Objectives

- **To describe Family Physician's practice content in Moldova based on their opinion**
- **To reveal perspective directions for CME development in Family Medicine**



Methodology

- **Questionnaire sent by post mail to 358 Family Physicians**
- **Structured random sampling**
- **Anonymous, confidentiality guaranteed**
- **140 responses included in the study**
- **Response rate is 39,3%**
- **SPSS version 15.0 used**

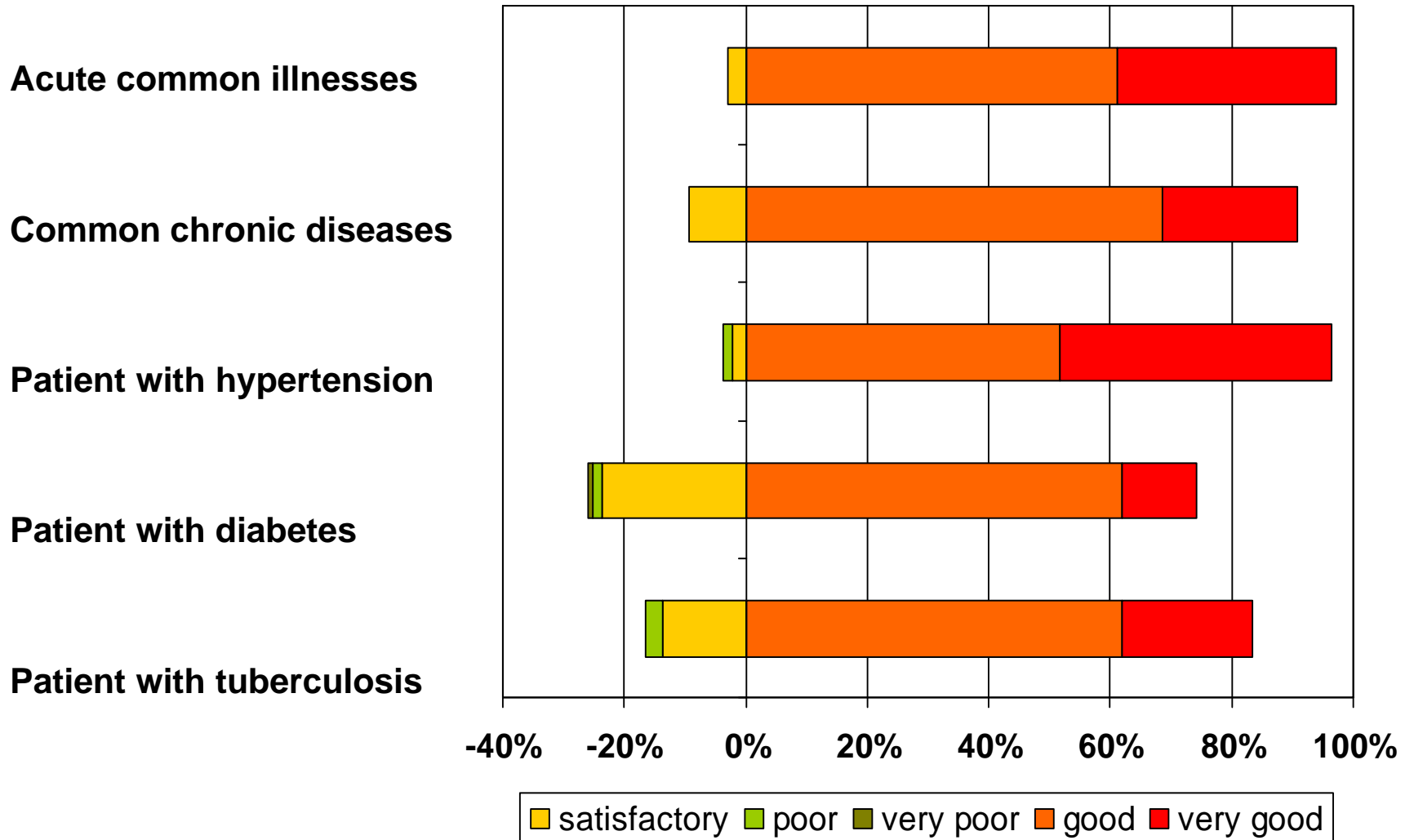


Survey on Family Physician Opinion on Development in Family Physician Practice in Moldova

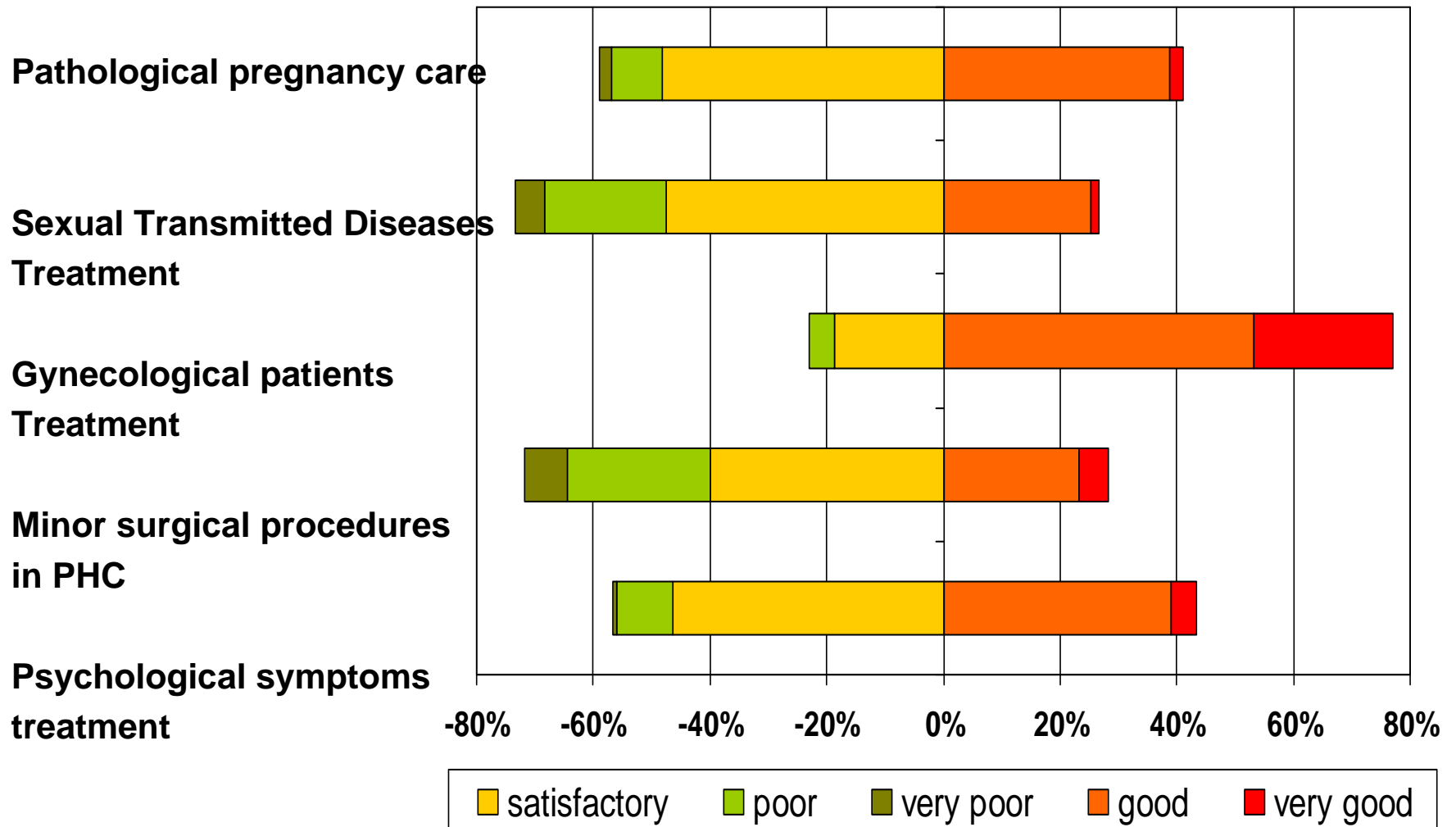
- **Current Family Physician's practice assessed**
 - **Treatment management**
 - **Prevention care management**
 - **Specific Problem Solving**
- 1 - very good**
- 2 - good**
- 3 - satisfactory**
- 4 - poor**
- 5 - very poor**



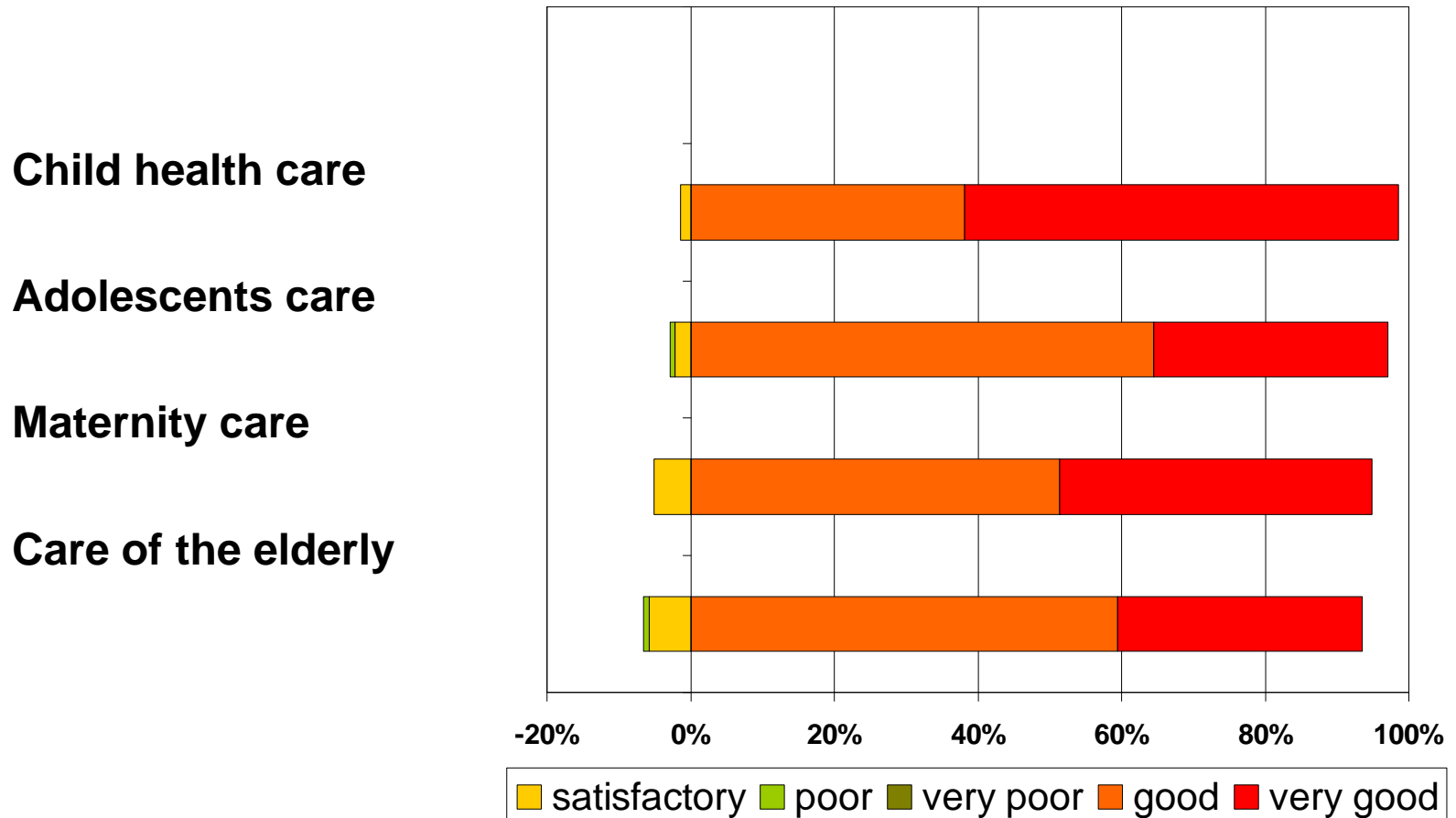
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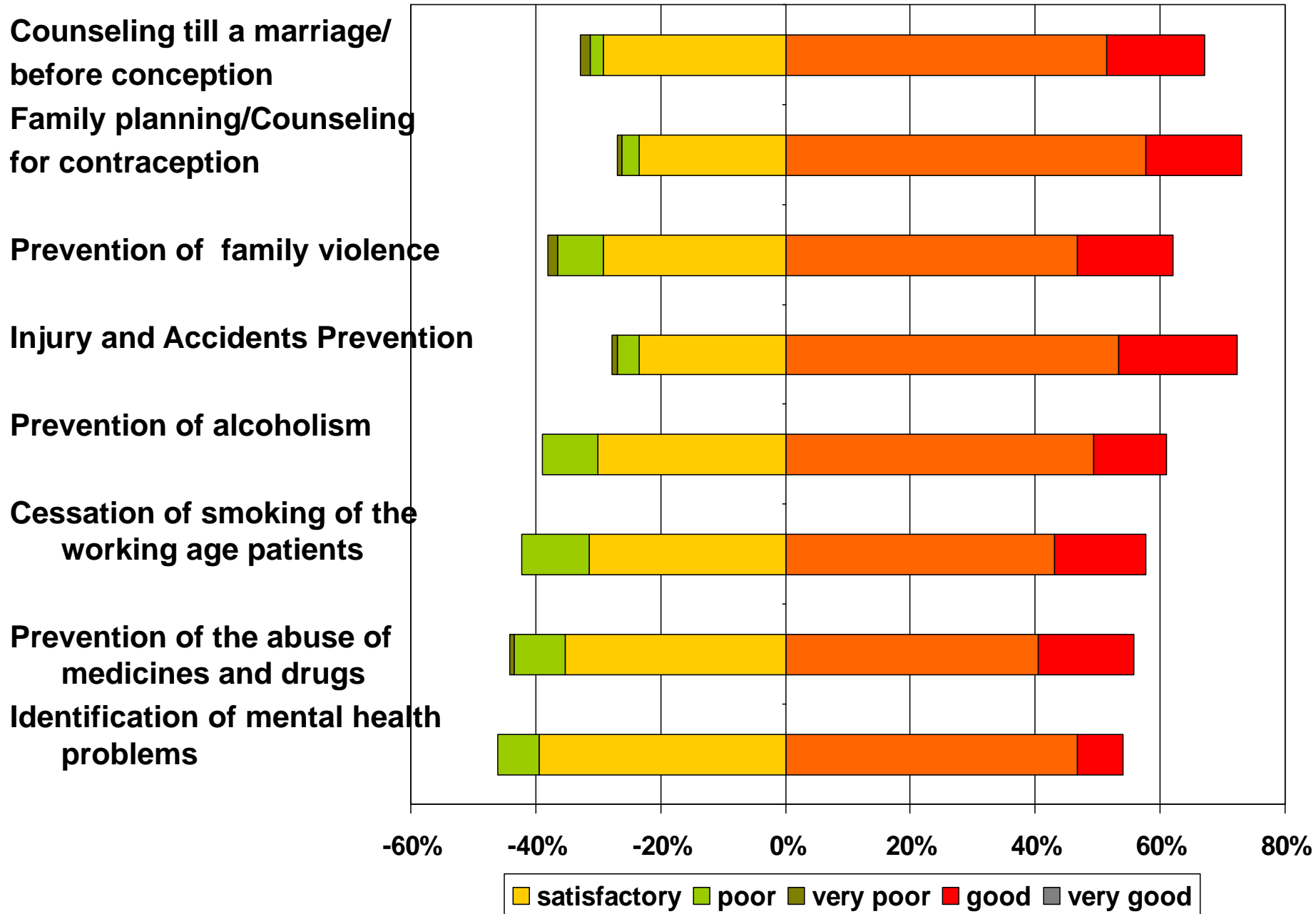
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Prevention Care Management



Specific Problem Prevention

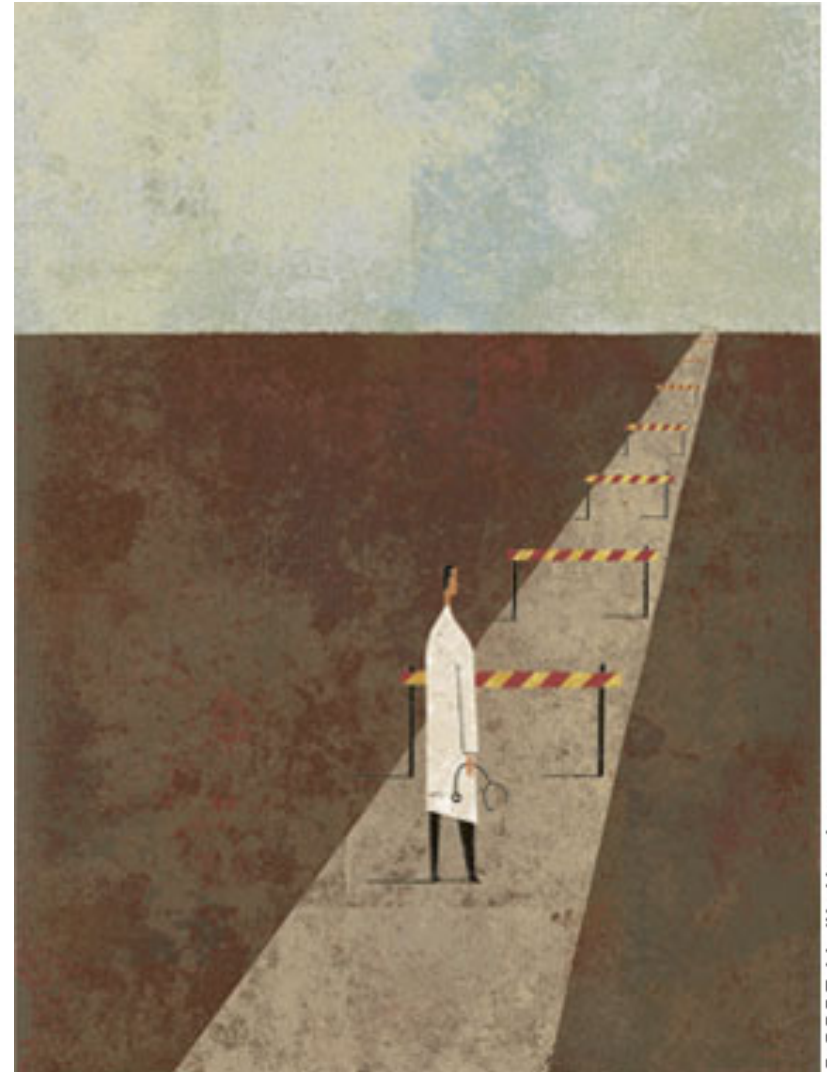


Conclusions

- **Family physicians feel the most confident in Prevention Care Management and Treatment of common diseases.**
- **Reproductive health, Mental health, Minor Surgery and other specific problems aren't managed well yet by family doctors, according to their opinion.**
- **CME courses should pay more attention while developing programs to that specific areas of family physician's practice.**

Perspectives

- **To develop studying of education process in field of Family Medicine in Moldova**
- **To adjust education programs to current family physician's practice needs**



Thank you for your attention