

INTRODUCTION

The International Federation for Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine (FIMM) is the federation of national societies, worldwide, of physicians who practice Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine (M/M Medicine). FIMM is a society according to Belgium law.

M/M Medicine is the true medical discipline of the most common causes of pain and disability, namely the reversible dysfunctions of the locomotor system and especially the spine.

M/M Medicine completes and complements the syllabus of both undergraduate and postgraduate education & training of physicians.

M/M Medicine is a specific help for the individual as well as economical for social expenditure.

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DEFINITIONS AND GOALS

Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine

M/M Medicine is the medical discipline of enhanced knowledge and skills in the diagnosis, therapy and prevention of functional reversible disorders of the locomotor system.

Diagnostic skills build on conventional medical techniques with manual assessment of individual tissues and functional assessment of the whole system, based on scientific bio-mechanical and neurophysiologic principles.

Therapeutic skills add manual/manipulative techniques and advanced interventional techniques to conventional treatments for the reduction of pain or other therapeutic outcome.

Patient involvement in the therapeutic activity, resulting from the detailed diagnosis, helps in the prevention of recurrence.

FIMM

FIMM is *the* Federation of national societies, worldwide, of physicians who practice M/M Medicine.

FIMM acts as an international coordinator for science and education in M/M Medicine.

FIMM aims to be the recognised representative of *all* international activities concerning M/M Medicine.

FIMM International Academy of Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine (FIMM Academy)

The FIMM Academy is according to English law semi-autonomous and consisting of individual members.

The FIMM Academy is open to all scientists and educationalists involved in the development and understanding of sciences related to M/M Medicine.

FIMM Foundation

The FIMM Foundation is a foundation registered under the Swiss Commerce Register. The aim of the Foundation is to give financial support to educational and scientific activities in Manual and Musculoskeletal Medicine.

STRATEGIES AND METHODS

Role in science and research

FIMM initiates, promotes and coordinates scientific research concerning M/M Medicine and the neuro-musculoskeletal system. FIMM selects literature about M/M Medicine and makes it accessible for FIMM members, especially via internet. FIMM initiates and promotes committee work in terms of reading and valuing the specific literature.

Role in education

FIMM recognises that education in M/M Medicine is based on fully completed medical studies (is undertaken as postgraduate training). FIMM aims to propose internationally accepted programs for education in M/M Medicine. FIMM promotes and encourages programs based on science.

Role in quality management

FIMM takes an active role in analysing the scientific reports and communications about incidents, accidents and complications of methods and techniques of M/M Medicine, as it is usual in medicine.

FIMM contributes to quality management systems in many ways including promoting regularly scientific congresses and educational courses as well as promoting and updating educational standards of M/M Medicine.

INTERNAL STRUCTURE

Identification

FIMM offers a platform for representatives of the different schools of M/M Medicine to exchange experience and knowledge.

FIMM promotes expertise and collegiality among physicians involved in M/M Medicine from all over the world.

Structure

FIMM is administered by the Executive Board, which meets regularly and works to execute the decisions of the General Assembly.

FIMM cooperates regularly with one of the member national societies to organise the international triennial scientific congress.

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POSITION AND ROLE FOR FIMM IN HEALTH CARE

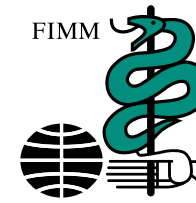
FIMM feels responsible to support medical professionals in M/M Medicine in order to strengthen their professional position.

FIMM promotes interdisciplinary cooperation in the interest of patients and the development M/M Medicine.

RESOURCES

FIMM officials work on an honorary basis.

FIMM is financed by fees of its National Society members, grants, sponsorship and the FIMM Foundation.



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FIMM POLICY AND MISSION

