

E-LEARNING IN PAEDIATRIC RHEUMATOLOGY

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D1.3 ELECTRONIC TEACHING IN STUDY PROGRAMMES WITH EXTENDED TRAINING IN PEDIATRY

Paediatric rheumatology deals with diseases affecting multiple organ systems as well as physical and psycho-social functioning of patients and their families. High level of expertise of treating physicians as well as other members of interdisciplinary team involved in the complex care is a pre-requisite to high quality clinical service. Moreover, parent and patient education plays important role in their long-term compliance as well as in general perception of their health related quality of life. Therefore multiple levels of education need to be directed at several target groups: medical pre- and post-graduate (general paediatric component, subspecialty training, continuing medical education-CME), allied health professional pre- and post-graduate (physio and occupational therapist, clinical nurse specialist, social worker, psychologist), patient (child) and parents/caregivers. Although e-learning cannot substitute for either „hands-on“ teaching or brainstorming discussions, it can complement learning in a unified, widely accessible and mentor-independent manner. At the moment, no systematic e-learning courses approved by the scientific society are generally available for neither of the target groups. Individual institutions build their own educational programmes for patients and families and/or their junior physicians. Examples of a few simple e-learning programmes both international and Czech ones will be presented.