

CSeRMEG Centro Studi e Ricerche in Medicina Generale

● About our group



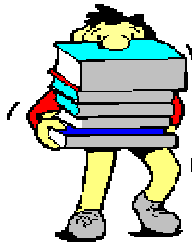
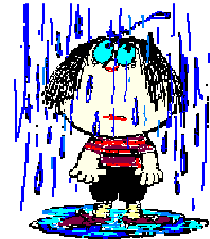
CSeRMEG, founded in 1985, is an Italian association of GPs committed to research in General Practice. CSeRMEG members produced most of the research about General Practice in Italy. Since 1991 CSeRMEG is an associated member of WONCA, the World Organisation of family Doctors.

● Origin and cultural roots

CSeRMEG is an independent association of General Practitioners, open to other professionals with interest in Primary Health Care. It was established in July 1985 as a spontaneous gathering of heterogeneous experiences about continuing medical education, research, organisation of clinics and health districts, and their interaction with other social and health services. It is a non profit organisation with no links with the unions.

Common features of the above mentioned experience were a deep feeling of an existing gap between the available cultural and professional tools, and the daily practice, and also the difficulty of finding appropriate time and space to discuss and verify it, both at methodological and contents level.

Incongruity and difficulty have led to acknowledge unsolved problems and unanswered questions related to daily routine in Primary Health Care. Hence the need of "maintenance" of the basic knowledge, of verifying and reviewing proposed solutions, of assessing current procedures, of inquiring about unsolved clinical problems, of acknowledging how the current medical model was insufficient and limited when attempting to explain health and illness.



The awareness that uncertainty, doubts, and problems was shared by physicians of different training, led us at identifying research as the main method to establish the knowledge needed about the health demand raising from patients.

Research, horizontal communication, multidisciplinary work, both with professionals in the health fields and other sciences, became progressively the CSeRMEG's main field of interest, without fear, in doing so, of finding ourself closer to the historian, linguist, archaeologist, than the scholar in natural sciences.

● Aims of CSeRMEG

The aims of CSeRMEG can be summarised as:

- to promote epidemiological, clinical, structural and conceptual research, aimed at improving primary care. Working towards a better quality and quantity of life, in the full respect of individual freedom;
- to develop and spread an original experience in Primary Health Care - at national and international level - by promoting a debate through the "learning on the job" method and peer communication among the participants;
- to set up services for CSeRMEG members in order to develop the instruments for the growth of a primary health care culture.