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SUBESPECIALIZATION

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Dear Colleagues, it was with great pleasure that I accepted the invitation of Acta Radiológica to write about this subject which I believe is in everyone's interest.

Current, personalized medicine implies multidisciplinary with an increasing degree of differentiation. The need for this differentiation is felt transversally in medical knowledge and has been met by different professionals, especially in a context of team subspecialization.

Several areas of subspecialization in radiology have already been recognized at European level, corresponding to training level III.

Today, there are several colleagues who have obtained recognition for that degree of training in the European institutions and who do not see it recognized in Portugal, due to its inexistence.

In this context, the College Directorate, attentive to this reality and taking advantage of rules being modified in the Portuguese College of Medicine, aims to propose the creation of subspecializations in radiology, in areas consensually defined at European level (they will also be part of the new training curriculum of the Radiology internship in Portugal, either in training level I - general training in the first three years of internship, or in training level II - differentiated training, in the last two years of internship), namely in imaging:

- Head and neck;
- Thoracic;
- Breast;
- Cardiac and vascular;
- Gastro-intestinal and abdominal;
- Genitourinary;
- Musculoskeletal;
- Interventional;
- Oncology;
- Pediatrics;
- Emergency

This process will allow our colleagues to obtain national certification of subspecialization, as well as to create training programs, so that after internship in Radiology, it is possible to obtain this degree of training and differentiation, in a structured way in our country.

For this purpose, teams will be created for each of the areas mentioned above, in order to complete the proposal process to the Portuguese College of Medicine in 2021/2022.

It should be emphasized that despite the relevance of subspecialization, this not only does not reduce, but it adds importance to training in general radiology and to the activity of radiologist in general. Only sustained by a general radiology of excellence do the areas of subspecialization make sense.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a great 2021.