

Die ja-stem vir huisartse/ A yes vote for family physicians

Sewentien Maart het 'n oorweldigende ja-stem gebring. Maart het stilweg vir ons as huisartse net so 'n belangrike maand geword. Na baie jare van onderhandeling is daar nou in die Parlement beslag gegee aan Huisartskunde as 'n loopbaan binne die geneeskunde-familie.

In Maart het die Parlement in die komitee en ander stadia, die aanbeveling van die SAGTR om 'n kategorie vir huisartse op die register te open, bekragtig. Die Raad moet nou die regulasies neerlê waarvolgens dokters in aanmerking sal kom vir hierdie kategorie.

Parliament's approval of the SAMDC's recommendation that a category for Family Physicians be created makes March 1992 a momentous month for Family Medicine in South Africa. The SAMDC can now formulate and publish the requirements for people who wish themselves to be recorded in this category. This will, as in other countries, lay the foundation for vocational training and the systematic development of the discipline of family medicine/primary health care in our country.

We wait for further details in this important saga. The Academy and other bodies have campaigned for this for many years. The real work is now only beginning.

Hope to see you there when things get moving!

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