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# The Bachelor and Master Structure in Medicine

*- The Students' Perspective*



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*“(...) medical students of Europe conceive that the implementation of the Bachelor/Master structure is possible”*

The Bachelor and Master Structure in Medicine,  
IFMSA/EMSA, Amsterdam 2007



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# Potential dangers

- Disintegrating the integrated curriculum
- Unification
- Loss of potential doctors
- Bachelor of Medicine?
- Patient safety?

Thoughtless implementation!



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# Possible benefits

- Increased undergraduate mobility
  - European idea, better physicians and patient safety
- Flexibility in career paths
- Reliability and comparability of degrees



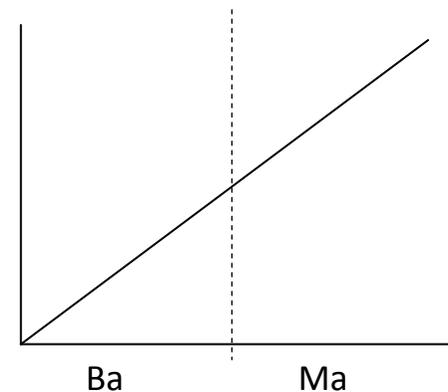
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# Prerequisites

## - European Core Curriculum

- core elements
- optional parts
  
- Defining competencies!
  
- **theoretical** and **clinical** elements  
in both the Bachelor and the Master!!!





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# Not to forget

*„The **primary aim** of the study of medicine is to create academic graduates **capable of obtaining a license to practise medicine**. The study of medicine is therefore **considered as a whole**, Bachelor of Medicine and Master of Medicine together.”*

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## But also considering...

- Opportunity to enter other Master programmes
- Clear definition of
  - competencies of the Bachelor
  - competencies of the Master
- Best evidence assessment and teaching methods
- Internal and external QA

**University autonomy!** (harmonization, not unification)

# Message

- Do we want the Ba/Ma or not?
- Proper implementation
- Time to take action!



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# Thank you



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