



Allergy diagnosis and treatment in primary care
Help us identify how we can better assist primary care paediatricians in allergic diseases management and assess your interest and educational needs on this topic!

Paediatricians are often the first point of contact for children in primary care (PC). There are many published papers regarding allergy management in primary care but only one has assessed the role of primary care paediatricians (PCPs) and this was limited to immunotherapy (1). Although some regional PCPs scientific allergy societies and some allergy services from tertiary hospitals have developed continuous medical education on this topic, it is necessary to know the needs perceived by PCPs on this topic. A previous EAACI Allergy Educational Needs in Primary Care Task Force survey was carried out in 2019 highlighting the gaps in allergy education across healthcare systems in Europe (2), and proposing a call to action to address the identified knowledge and skills deficits of primary health care providers, in order to improve outcomes. It also suggested that a separate survey of PCPs allergy educational needs would be worthwhile.

As diagnosis and management of allergic diseases are in constant evolution, the EAACI Allergy Educational Needs in Primary Care Paediatricians Task Force **invites all the participant PCP Scientific Societies members to participate in this survey as the Board would like to update current educational needs from European PCPs.**

We believe that a unified approach to allergy education and training worldwide with harmonization of undergraduate education has the potential to significantly improve knowledge, skills, and practice and improve the quality of patient care.

Fill in the survey at the following link from 1 February 2023 until 31 March 2023:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DYLWYQX>

Thank you on behalf of the EAACI Allergy Educational Needs in PCPs Task Force.

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