

Agenda item 2: Patch testing in R. Macedonia

Which medical speciality does patch testing in your country?

- a. only dermatology
- b. dermatology and other specialties**
- c. only other specialties (“allergologist”?)

Occupational Medicine specialists

- preventive medical examinations (pre-employment and periodical check-ups) in workers (with occupational exposure to agents scientifically proven to cause allergy or irritation)
- patients transferred from GPs to occupational medicine specialists - with skin disease that is non-occupational or that is suspected to be caused by workplace substances (medical expertise for verification of occupational disease)

Specialists in Pediatrics

Sub-specialization in Immuno-allergology

- **How many patch tests will be performed in your department per month on average?**
- **Do you use market available commercial patch test substances or special preparations for common allergens?**
- **Do you patch more than the European standard series (e.g. occupation specific trays)?**
- **Do you patch test patients' own products ?**

- about 100 patch tests per month at the Institute of Occupational Health of R. Macedonia, WHO CC

- both within preventive medical examinations in workers and in patients with non-occupational or occupational skin disease

- market available commercial patch test substances

- both European standard series and occupation specific trays

- testing also patients' own products

- **Honorarium per commercial patch test?**
- **Honorarium per patch test with patients own products?**
- **Honorarium of patch test with patients own products and dilution?**

Preventive medical examinations in workers

- employer pays for patch testing and other specific examinations (about 20 Eur per patch test series - either for commercial substances or patients' own products)

Patients transferred from GPs to occupational medicine specialists (and other specialties) - patch testing partly covered by Health Insurance Fund (10-20% pays patient, and 80-90% covered by HIF)

- about 30 Eur per patch test series - patient pays 3 Eur, and 27 Eur covered by HIF - either for commercial substances or patients' own products

- about 10 Eur per patch test with one allergen

- about 15 Eur per patch test with two or three allergens