

# Homework from The Netherlands – Activity 1 on Terminology

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# Question 1

- Which organization(s) collect stock health workforce data in your country?  
What data do you receive from these organisations for your work?

# Licensing organisations:

- Ministry of Health
  - BIG-register (register of (para)medical professions)
- KNMG (organisation of physicians)
  - RGS (register of medical specialties)
- V&VN (organisation of nurses)
  - RVS (register of nursing specialties)
- KNMP (organisation of pharmacists)
  - RFS (register of pharmaceutical specialties)
- NMT (organisation of dentists)
  - RTS (register of dental specialties)

# Other organisations:

- CBS (Statistics Netherlands)
  - (general) labour market and educational data
  - SSB database (integrated registry data)
- NIVEL (Netherlands institute for health services research)
  - primary care professions registers
- Panteia (consortium of research organisations)
  - AZWinfo (health labour market information)
- KIWA Prismant (research organisation)
  - Regiomarge (regional planning model for health care)

## Question 2

- Do you see any (terminology/definition based) inconsistencies between data coming from different national data sources?

# National inconsistencies?

- In general: no
  - Most organisations work together
- Differences exists depending on whether or not
  - professionals without a legal adress in the Netherlands are included
  - professionals with a certain age are included
  - professionals with multiple registries are included

## Question 3

- Do these data match international ISCO codes as regards to doctors, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, midwives? If not, what is the gap between the data contents? Please pay a special attention to the nurses category.

# International inconsistencies?

- In general: no
  - But professionals without a legal adress in the Netherlands are excluded
  - No data on practising doctors and dentists are available



# Question 4

- Which organisation(s) are in charge for collecting the data in the "licenced to practice", "practicing" and "professionally active" categories in the five harmonised professions?

# Responsible organisations?

- For “licensed to practice”
  - the BIG-register is in charge for all five harmonized professions.
  - Statistics Netherlands disseminates these data to the JQ.
- For “professionally active”
  - the integrated SSB database of Statistics Netherlands.
- For “practicing”
  - for doctors and dentists: no data.
  - for nurses: SSB + additional estimate from KIWA Prismant.
  - for pharmacists: SFK + KNMP
  - for midwives: NIVEL

# Question 5

- Are international comparative HWF data is used for health workforce planning activities in your country and if so, are there any terminological issues when comparing international data with national data?

# Use of international HWF data?

- No (as far as I know)
  - International comparison has almost never been a big issue.
  - We have our own data on international mobility.

# Question 6

- Reading the JQ (attached) including the Definitions, do you have any questions regarding the contents of data requested?

# Questions regarding the JQ?

- No