

INTERVIEW GUIDE: NON-CONTRACTED GPs

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this interview. As mentioned on the telephone, I conduct this study as part of my dissertation project. During this interview I would like to talk to you about working as a GP in primary care. Especially about the reasons, that in your opinion speak for or against working in a primary care unit.

First, I would like to ask you to fill out this questionnaire. This is about general information about you, your current professional situation and your training.

I will record this interview in order to be able to analyze it more closely afterwards. Maybe I will take a few notes during the interview. In case you have any questions during the interview, you can pose them anytime. I will now start the recording.

[start recording]

I will now call out date and time for the record and start the interview.

I will start with my first question:

For a few years now there have been efforts to strengthen the primary care structures in Austria through establishing so called „primary care units“.	
1. With what do you link the term primary care?	
2. How do you perceive the situation and development around primary care?	
3. Can you imagine yourself working as a family physician in general?	
Yes	No
4. What would be the perfect framework for you to work as a family physician? (you can imagine anything)	5. If you could freely choose the conditions in which you work, how would a scenario look where you could imagine yourself working?
5. If applicable: How did you experience your time in a training practice?	
6. Do you know the concept of primary care units (PCUs)?	
<i>If yes:</i> Can you tell me what you know about the developments around primary health care in Austria?	<i>If not:</i> May I shortly introduce you to the principles of PCUs (showing fact sheet)
7. Can you imagine yourself working as a family physician / GP in a PCU?	
8. Why can you imagine yourself working in a PCU?	9. In your opinion, are there any factors that could still be attractive for working in a PCU?
9. What factors would make a career in a PCU more or less attractive than a career in a single-handed practice?	
10. How does the remuneration system, the way you get your services refunded, influence your decision about working in a PCU?	
11. What would you expect from working in a PCU?	
12. Imagine you would start to build up a PCU now, how would you do it?	
13. How would you image your team in a PCU?	
14. What holds you back from starting a PCU at the moment?	
15. What would you need to decide for becoming a GP in a PCU?	
16. What difference would it make whether a primary care unit is structured as a center or as a network?	
17. In your opinion, what personal attributes does one need to work as a GP in a PCU?	
18. How do you feel prepared for the job as a GP in a PCU?	
19. In your opinion, what chances occur through the concept of primary care units?	
20. In 10 years: What do you think, how will patients receive care on a primary care level?	
21. Is there anything else you would like to add?	
Thank you for taking the time for this interview!	