Incomplete Integration of Reproductive Health Services into the Primary Health Care System in Georgia

The role of primary health care in integrating reproductive health services is important. The management of reproductive health services is not adequately coordinated in Georgia, which leads to a reduced coverage with and an increase in the costs of the services.

# Challenges:

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| Incomplete integration of Reproductive Health services into the primary health care system  | The provision of reproductive health services in Georgia is sporadic and insufficiently integrated in the primary health care. The role of the family doctor in the management of reproductive health services is not clearly defined. |
| Lack of feedback between primary health care providers and reproductive health service providers | The lack of feedback between reproductive health providers and the primary health care providers contradicts the essence of primary health care. Family doctors are less aware of the improvement or deterioration of a patient's condition as a result of reproductive health services provided to them. Consequently, the patient's reproductive health is not under the constant supervision of the family doctor, i.e. management of the condition does not take place. |
| Low level of public awareness of reproductive health services | The family doctor is less involved in the process of informing the population about reproductive health and available services, which significantly increases related health care costs. |

Recommendations:

1. Integration of Reproductive Health services into the primary health care system;

2. Ensuring reproductive-health-service-related information sharing between family doctors and reproductive health care providers;

3. Ensuring effective communication between reproductive health service providers and the primary health care provider.

# Source:

* Association HERA XXI, 2021, “Primary Health Care: System Analysis and Recommendations for Real Change”.

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