

# Family Doctors' Authority – Determining Factor for Successful Family Treatment

Family medicine oriented Primary Healthcare Reform in Georgia started in 2006.

— Aim: to study population's opinion regarding the changes occurred during the Primary Healthcare Reform.

— Methods: Under the support of the Eurasia Partnership Foundation in the framework of the primary healthcare reform monitoring project adult population (208 subjects, mean age  $47.6 \pm 4.2$  years). Families were selected randomly and respondents in the family were selected via simple lottery. Response rate was 82%.

— Results: doctor's authority and competence was mentioned as the determining factor of successful diseases management in 96%.



**The effective collaboration between the Governmental Institutions, NonGovernmental and Donor Organisations is the milestone of the success of the Civil Monitoring Projects.**

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## Conclusion:

30-40% of retrained family doctors previously were pediatricians, which causes the low level of confidence of patients to doctors. The mentioned issue is absolutely natural in the initial phase of the reform; and it can be adjusted by the doctors' comprehensive and precise activities in the areas of their responsibility.

