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## Press release

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### **By 2020, health institutions in Switzerland will need at least an additional 25,000 qualified staff**

**Neuchâtel / Berne, 26.02.2009 (Obsan / GDK) – In 2006, almost 200,000 persons with a qualification in a health-related field were employed by hospitals, nursing homes and home care services. The ageing of the population will require increased care. By 2020, this could lead to an increase in the need for qualified personnel of at least 25,000 persons. The Swiss Health Observatory has issued these projections on behalf of the Swiss Conference of Cantonal Ministers of Health (SDK/CDS).**

The Swiss Conference of Cantonal Ministers of Health (SDK/CDS), in collaboration with OdaSanté (the national umbrella organisation for healthcare workers), commissioned the Swiss Health Observatory (Obsan) to examine for the first time the situation of the health care workforce in Switzerland. Focusing on health care, medico-technical and therapy professions, the study estimates the influence of population ageing on the evolving need for health personnel up to 2020. The study forms the basis for a national report on recruitment in the health professions which the SDK/CDS will conduct jointly with OdaSanté.

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