

Professional Policy of the SSAI

1972 With the founding of the SSAI, clinically active immunologists gained their own structure, though they were not yet affiliated with the official medical profession. This integration occurred in several steps.

In **1973**, allergology and clinical immunology began to establish themselves as an independent field of medicine through several stages, introducing their own certificate of competence to train new professionals.

In **1976**, this certificate of competence was officially recognized by the Swiss Medical Association (FMH).

In **1982**, the field of allergology/immunology received a recognized FMH subspecialty title.

To obtain this title, four years of postgraduate training are mandatory, including at least one year at a Type A training institution.

In **1982**, the field of allergology/immunology was also recognized as an independent discipline by the FAMH (Swiss Society for Laboratory Medicine). The PRAL (Commission for the Analysis List) and the FAMH Commission for Laboratory Director Training are responsible for this.

Achieving the FAMH Allergology/Immunology title takes two years of postgraduate study, at least six months of which must be in a Type A education facility.

In **1993** the FMH sub-title of "Allergology/Immunology" becomes the title of a fully recognized and independent medical discipline.