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FIFA Diploma in Football Medicine (<http://f-marc.com/footballdiploma/>)

Dear friends and colleagues,

With the support of some of the most recognised international experts in sports medicine, FIFA is launching a new initiative to help disseminate the latest knowledge in sports science and improve care for football players around the globe. The “FIFA Diploma in Football Medicine” is a free online course, accessible to all and also designed to help clinicians learn how to diagnose and manage common football-related injuries and illnesses.

Each module is written by international experts in their respective fields, sharing written content, podcasts and video examinations as well as providing links to journal articles and other resources. High-profile players also share their experiences of injury and what they learned through recovery. For further information, check the [diploma webpage](#).

The diploma acts as an easily accessible platform for disseminating the knowledge that the FIFA Medical Assessment and Research Centre (F-MARC) has gained over the past 22 years. For instance, by raising the awareness of the FIFA 11+ programme alone, we may be able to reduce the incidence of football-related injuries by up to 50 percent.

While the diploma is designed to be completed in its entirety, it can be used in a variety of ways. For example, participants might want to learn about one area in particular and complete a single lesson or module only. In completing the “FIFA Diploma in Football Medicine”, medical staff will improve the standard of care they provide to athletes all over the world.

It is an outstanding resource for all health practitioners involved in the care of football players. A unique, contemporary, comprehensive and superbly educational tool which should not be missed. Please pass on the word - education is key to prevention!

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact FIFA’s Medicine and Science Office (medical@fifa.org). We are at your disposal.

Yours faithfully,
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