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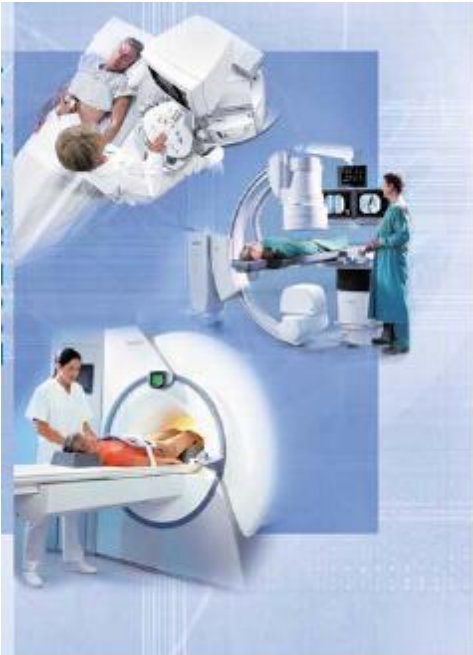
## **MDD Revision Formal Proposal Main Objectives & Clarification**

*Thursday 18 April 2013, Brussels*

**Nicole Denjoy** - *COCIR Secretary General & DITTA Chair*



# What is COCIR?



COCIR represents the Industry Voice in Medical Imaging, Electromedical and Healthcare IT



Our Industry leads in innovative healthcare technologies and provides solutions for the complete care cycle



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# COCIR Member Companies





# COCIR National Trade Associations Members



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Germany



# Summary

1. The General Context
2. European regulatory framework: industry priorities
3. Besides the regulatory framework
4. Future trends
5. The international scene
6. Conclusion



# Medical technology Industry in Europe

## **Fact & Figures:**

- About 22,500 medical technology companies in EU
- 80% SMEs
- 95 billion EUR annual sales; 8% re-invested in EU (28 billion EUR for COCIR)
- Nearly 500,000 employees
- > 500,000 products (10,000 generic groups)
- One new European patent every 38 minutes
- Healthcare Information systems touch every patient many times along the continuum of care
- One out of two patients in a hospital is imaged

## **Various sectors:**

- Eucomed (Medical Devices)
- COCIR (Medical Imaging and Healthcare IT)
- EDMA: (*in vitro* diagnostic medical devices)
- And others (dental, vision care, hearing aids...)



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# The General Context



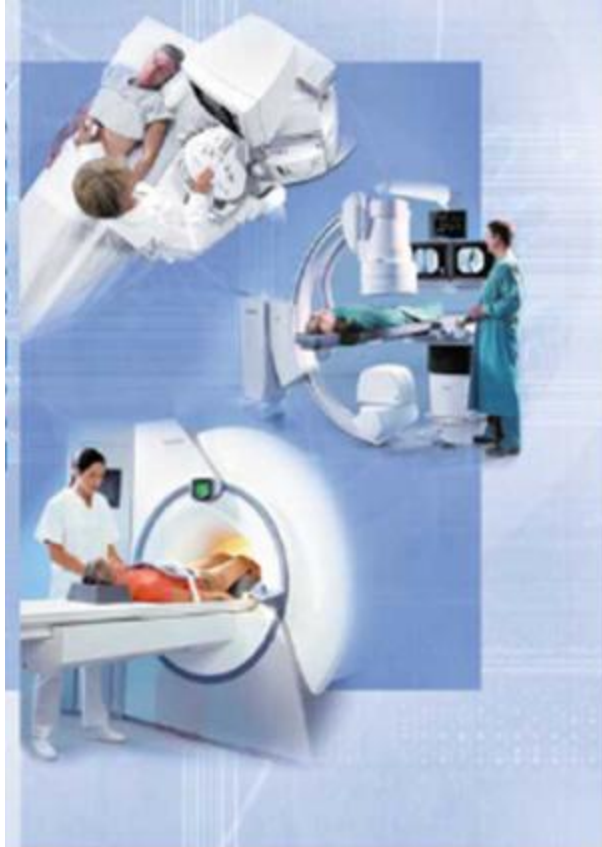
# The General Context

- The (+)s:
  - COCIR has the lead on critically useful technology sectors (medical imaging and healthcare IT) shifting the mentalities from « sick care » to « healthcare »
  - Our sector is the most innovative in cost-efficiency solutions in the context of economic crisis
  - Our industry is global with the beauty to be composed of different sizes of industries. « We think globally, we act locally »





# Changing Role of Healthcare Imaging



- Trend: **Minimal invasive procedures** (i.e. more gentle methods for the elderly) → more images for guiding Therapies than Diagnostic procedures
- Trend: Increasing number of **IVD tests** → Imaging tells the 'where'
- Request for **Screening**: One-third of all cancers could be cured if detected and treated early → earlier detection followed by less costly treatment / therapy
- Trend: **Personalized Medicine** → Biomarker research & imaging to characterize disease fundamentals



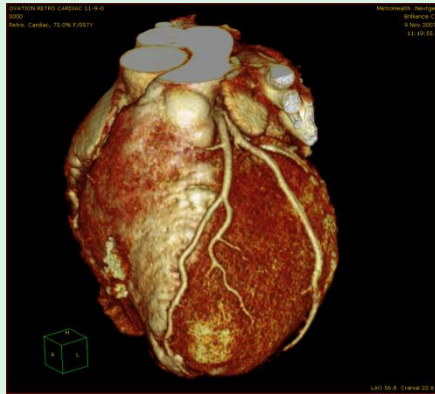
# Medical Imaging:

non invasive, faster, more accurate

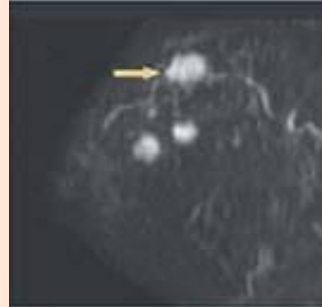
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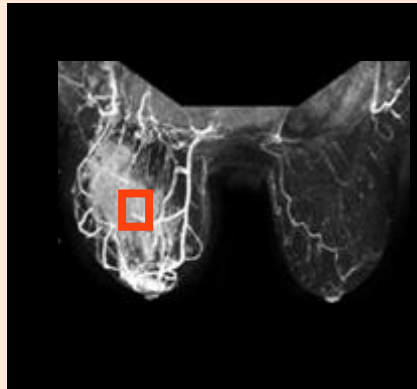
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Breast MR 1998



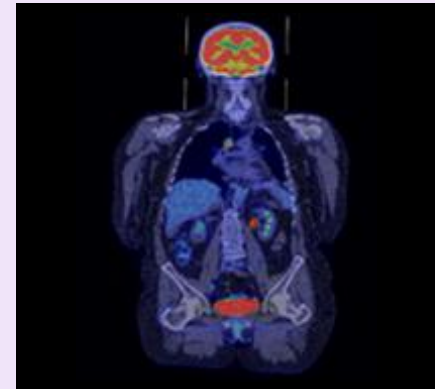
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PET (FDG) 1995



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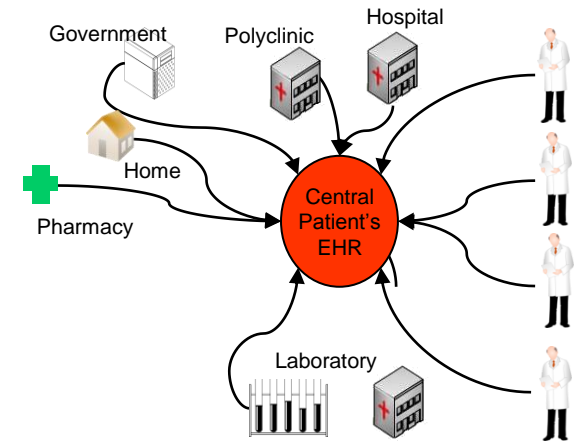


Enable new and more accurate diagnostics



# Leverage the Power of Healthcare IT

- Healthcare IT and eHealth → proven high clinical and societal value
- Telehealth → linking patients with care providers
- IT infrastructure → ensure that systems derive maximal value from medical technology (Cloud computing)
- IT connectivity through IHE (Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise) → improving quality and reducing cost
- More investment in eHealth → best-practice clinical pathways / patient's mobility throughout Europe





# The General Context

- The (-):
  1. General economic crisis and Healthcare national budgets constraints
  2. Scandals (growing concerns): PIP; Hip implant, breaking thin pacemaker leads, Pelvic floor meshes → Zero Risk is not a practical Goal
  3. Regulatory science cannot keep up with rapid pace of device innovations
  4. Several regulations recasts working in silos (data protection, environment, radiation, EMF, MDD...)
    - Bringing some uncertainty about the future
    - Having the potential to create unexpected business burden and additional trade barriers
    - Hampering our research and capabilities to innovate



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## 2. European regulatory framework: Industry priorities



# What is important?

- ✓ The **protection and the well-being** of patients remains of the highest importance
- ✓ The **growth, jobs and competitive** European industry is also crucial



# Evolution rather than Revolution

- Current system
  1. Implementing the current system
  2. Keep what is working well
  3. Better enforce existing rules
- Future regulation
  1. Regulation versus Directive
  2. What is needed?
  3. Eliminate known weaknesses
  4. Improve transparency and predictability



# Current System 1/3

## Implementing the current system

- Boost the 'Joint Immediate Action Plan':
  - Functioning of Notified Bodies
  - Market Surveillance and Vigilance
  - Unique Device Identification
- Importance of Coordinated Implementation amongst Member States
- Better use of Information and Communication Technology (*e.g. product registration and post market surveillance*)





# Current System 2/3

## Keep what is working well

- Maintain the risk-based system for classification of medical devices
- Maintain the “New Approach”:
  - Performing Conformity Assessment Procedures
    - Under risk-based involvement of Notified Bodies
    - Under the supervision of Competent Authorities
    - Based on risk management and quality management system
    - Based on harmonized standards and clinical data
    - Under the primary responsibility of manufacturers regarding the CE marking
  - Fast availability of innovative medical devices
    - Early patient benefit
    - Strengthening the competitiveness of European medical device manufacturers



# Current system 3/3

## Better Enforce Existing Rules

- Strengthen market surveillance and vigilance systems:
  - Enforced surveillance by competent authorities of Member States
  - Better use of the instrument to perform unscheduled controls
  - Better enforcement of reporting requirements for adverse events
- Strictly enforcing the existing sanctions in the case of violations



# Future regulation 1/4

## Regulation versus Directive

- It will ensure the new regime is interpreted and applied consistently throughout all Member States.
- The new regulatory structure should remain robust, transparent and adaptable to scientific and technological progress.
- The over-riding objective must be for smart and efficient regulation delivering patient safety, high quality and rapid access to highly-innovative medical technology.



## Future regulation 2/4

### What is needed in the future regulation?

- **Coordination and cooperation of Authorities** on Notified bodies, Vigilance and Market Surveillance
- Certainty on EU and International **Standards and Guidelines** for Patient and Consumer Safety
- **Transparency** and Involvement of **Stakeholder Advisory Group** (Industry, Patients, Scientific Societies)
- **Traceability**; Unique Device Identification, **UDI** (Globally coherent)
- Enhanced use of Information and Communication Technology, **ICT to connect the system and monitor** post market performance (vigilance, registries, etc.)



# Future regulation 3/4

## Eliminate known weaknesses

- **Coordination and cooperation** between competent authorities of Member States
  - Exchange of data between authorities: Establishing a common database for registration of manufacturers, certificates, products, clinical trials and market surveillance data
  - Alignment of vigilance systems
  - Harmonized notification and surveillance of Notified Bodies
- **Improve and align** the functioning of Notified Bodies
  - Harmonized and higher quality level of Notified Bodies
  - Better expertise of Notified Bodies
  - Harmonized and stronger surveillance of Notified Bodies
- **Strengthening** the Notified Bodies
  - Clear assignment of tasks, e.g. mandatory unannounced audits



# Future regulation 4/4

## Improve Transparency and Predictability

- Transparent processes
- Clear responsibilities of all stakeholders:
  - Competent Authorities
  - Manufacturers
  - User (maintenance,...)
  - Healthcare provider (IT network, integrated/combined solutions, ...)
  - Distributors/importers (ref to traceability, ...)

***Safety is a shared responsibility!***

- Unambiguous, predictable and binding rules
  - Especially important for SMEs
  - Legal certainty regarding applicable standards and guidelines
  - Direct participation of all relevant stakeholders (authorities, Notified Bodies, industry, users, patients, academia, ...)



# The Key Priorities for Industries

Common work to support the system's safety and innovation elements:

## **Best practices in:**

- Vigilance
- Clinical
- Standards

## **Implementation of:**

- A sustainable regulatory model
- Unique Device identification, UDI
- Information and Communication Technology, ICT

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## Latest News

- Dagmar Roth-Behrendt MEP (ENVI) draft report published.
- Nora Berra MEP (IMCO) draft report published
- Timeline:
  - Deadline to submit amendments: 07 May 2013
  - European Parliament ENVI Committee vote: July 2013
  - European Parliament Plenary vote: November 2013





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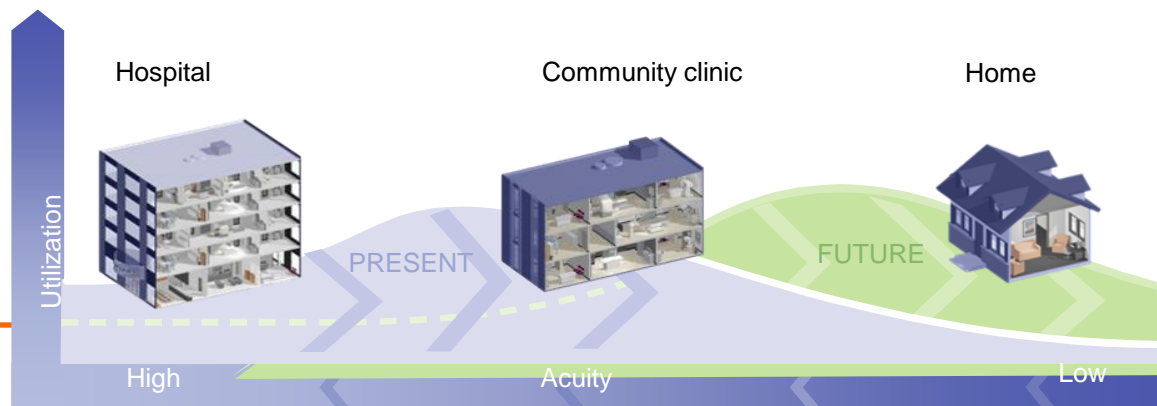


# 3. Besides the Regulatory Framework

# Call for attention to public authorities



- Innovative technology as long-term investment
- EU and the Members States as drivers of implementation and uptake of innovative technology
- Need to accelerate adoption of new methods and technologies into clinical practice → Healthcare authorities should translate faster innovation from research to market
- Public procurement and reimbursement systems should incentivise innovative technologies and IT connectivity





# Funding

- Simplify framework programs and enhance access to funding to promote innovative healthcare → [Horizon 2020](#)
- Need to optimise the use of [structural funds](#) in health and healthcare innovations
- Research funding should not neglect [applied innovations](#)
- The EU Research and Innovation landscape and its funding should focus more on supporting innovations that can address [societal challenges](#)
- Lack of [long term](#) planning of [eHealth](#) funding





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## 4. Future Trends



## Key issues for medical device/technology sector over next 5 years, 10 years

- Combination and integration of diverse technologies bringing innovative solutions for the benefits of patients but also increasing complexity
- Without concerted efforts of regulators we will have continued global products while still facing multiple local regulations
- Other regulations outside IMDRF control: radiation, dose reduction, RoHS, WEEE etc...
- Decentralisation of healthcare (remote diagnosis, mHealth, ...)



# Trends in medical device/technology innovation?

## The next generation

- New and emerging technologies (MR/PET, biomarkers, biosensors, etc)
- Integrated technologies (product and services) to cover the continuum of care
- Public Private Partnerships (establishment of consortia)
- Development of telehealth, mobile Health, cloud computing, remote care... with more ICT players
- Collaborative partnerships with academia, users and professional organizations (optimisation programs- e.g. CT dose, user training).



## Trends in global manufacturing

- Continuation in the way to manufacture based on combination of several criteria:
  - regulatory pressure,
  - cost of labor,
  - close to appropriate resources and to raw materials
- Due to complexity of the technology, higher number of suppliers. Manufacturers are more frequently considered as ‘assemblers’
- Proactive approaches towards Green Technology for more sustainable solutions (e.g. Eco-Design)
- Contribute to recycling economy (remanufacturing...)



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# 5. The International Scene





# Various initiatives

- EU-US MoU on Interoperability
- EU-US trade initiative 'TTIP' on regulatory convergence
- **IMDRF:**  **IMDRF**
  - 5 Work Items
  - 1 on Medical Software

New!



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# Conclusions



# COCIR Vision on global regulatory framework

- Provide ability to achieve worldwide harmonisation of regulatory framework for medical devices
- Goal “Approved once, Accepted everywhere” with concept of
  - One registration process
  - One conformity assessment process
  - One audit process
  - One post-market process... based on GHTF guidances



Thank you for your attention

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