



**COCIR VIRTUAL
EVENT –
THE PROMISE OF
DATA IN
HEALTHCARE**
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European Union of Private Hospitals Facts and figures

UEHP Members (**17 European Countries**) are **National private hospital associations**

5.000 Accredited Hospitals by contract with **Social Insurances**

Principles: free access, quality, equity and economic sustainability

Reinforcement in Member States for a **better access to health care without delay**: the question of waiting list is still actual.

Quality of care is a permanent goal. In a fair competition between providers, **quality of care and information to patients** are key.

Efficiency, according to DG SANTE recommendations, is obtained by **strategic investments and optimal management** in private accredited hospitals.



UEHP publication on “Smart hospitals”



“SMART HOSPITALS” CHALLENGE THE FUTURE: HOW THE EUROPEAN UNION OF PRIVATE HOSPITALS IS DRIVING THE CHANGE

The European Union of Private Hospitals (UEHP) celebrated its 25th anniversary in Rome this year. We have now to prepare for the next 25 years, challenging the necessary evolution of healthcare systems including innovative technology.



Our goal is to ensure equal access to quality treatments in all countries for all European citizens, as well as to respect sustainability and efficiency of the health systems. Patient mobility is a chance, and we have to manage this challenge of a competitive offer reducing waiting lists.

UEHP is involved in a long term cooperation with patient associations, healthcare experts and policy makers. We organise our working sessions in all Member States, recently in Italy and Bulgaria, meeting MEPs and Ministries to be connected with health policy reforms. A proactive evolution of healthcare systems will be European and not only national, each experience being useful for all. We are concerned

with quality standards implementation, as financial incentives including outcome for positive reforms.

The key to success is being **actors of change**. The future of hospitals will integrate new technologies, cooperation between actors, and a more confident relationship with an informed European patient. All UEHP members prepare this major challenge to transform uncertainty into achievements and progress. It is time to strategic investments, including adaptation to medical progress and IT revolution integration. A connected hospital, a “smart hospital”, just like a smartphone, could be the relevant image. A new deal for cooperation with the healthcare sector industries is required, including the full involvement of all professionals to assess a global successful performance. Barriers remain to be broken!

As stakeholders of European working groups on quality, patient safety, e-health, strategic investment, UEHP expresses the position of private hospitals ready to the next IT revolution. UEHP is an active partner of change, working on new financing rules, integrating public and private insurances reforms. New fields will be explored for prevention, education and

training, professional cooperation. But efficiency remains our major goal to offer the right service “on time” to an informed patient.

We have to effectively realize the modernization of healthcare. UEHP accepts the challenge of performance for the next hospital generation, an hospital connected with patients and professionals, accessible for a quality service without delay. Sustainability of social systems depends now and for the next 25 years on the management of innovative performances, certainly with the greatest implication of the private sector.

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UEHP promotes the use of eHealth and Health Data

- UEHP is member of the *European Commission eHealth Stakeholder Group*, of the *Integrated Care Alliance*, of the *European Alliance for Value in Health*
- **eHealth potential:**
 - *reduce healthcare expenditure*
 - *predict outbreaks of epidemics and avoid preventable diseases*
 - *provide personalized treatment plans*
 - *prevent hospitalization or re-admission when not necessary*
 - *protect patients from hospital infections*
 - *reduce waiting lists*
 - *constant monitoring of the patients*
 - *the patient is more comfortable at home*
 - *the patient can live an active life*
- *eHealth, health data and big data prove particularly useful in the care of patients with chronic conditions, such as diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular diseases, HIV, etc. They also play a role in the prevention of chronic diseases.*
- UEHP aims at **accelerating** the transition towards Integrated Care. We are committed **to working together** to develop **sustainable** health and social care systems that meet the **holistic needs** of citizens, patients and carers, especially those with complex and long-term health and social care needs. (ICAlliance)

We all have the responsibility to change the status quo and technology can be the enabler we need!

...however

Fragmented and diversified scenario

- *regulation for data and privacy protection*
- *availability of the data and technologies (which ones to choose and for which medical condition?)*
- *re-use of existing data*

Sensitive nature of healthcare data: ethics!

Safety of data use

Innovation is expensive

Data quality and quality of data analysis

Training for patients and families

Training for the healthcare workforce



Experiences coming from UEHP hospitals

GERMANY - *Data for quality improvement*

[Initiative Qualitätsmedizin](#) is a project using routine data to improve quality of hospital care.

The three principles of IQM:

- **Measuring quality** - by indicators based on DRG routine data finding potential for improvement through appropriate capture criteria
- **Transparency of results** – through publication good results encourage motivation conspicuous results generate “sound pressure“
- **Improving quality** – by Peer Review processes aiming at cooperative learning



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ITALY - *Data for Spine Surgery*

“Galeazzi Spine Reg”: the first Spine Surgery Registry with *Patient Related Outcome Measurements (PROMs)*.

Implemented for already some years at the IRCCS Istituto Ortopedico Galeazzi, this **innovative registry** has been conceived with the general objective of **creating a comprehensive database bringing together pre-and-post surgery data, collected both from doctors and patients**. This enables the Institute to conduct parallel and independent assessments of the quality of the services offered.

The data are encoded following the **Spine Tango** procedures – Spine Tango is the **International Spine Registry**, developed by EuroSpine in 2000.

Data can be then analyzed for research on:

- Better planning of spine surgery
- Monitoring for complications
- Any other relevant research you may want to conduct



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UEHP calls for

- *Alignment of European national legislation on data protection and privacy: the European Health Data Space*
- *Better resource allocation and more investments in new technologies*
- *Scientific research and comparative studies on Big Data in Healthcare must be supported by EU*
- *More integration in healthcare (enhance cooperation between healthcare providers)*
- *More education and training on handling large amounts of data and strategy analysis of Health Data and Big Data for hospital management*
- *Permanent attention to safety procedures on confidential data*
- *Transition to ehealth and integrated care requires **investments** and sustained political, clinical and professional **leadership**; **trust** among all relevant stakeholders supported by **evidence-based research** and practices, **commitment** of health and social care professionals, exchange of **best practice**, **interoperable** systems, **careful planning**, smart change management and the involvement of citizens, patients and their carers in a **decisive joint** effort to put **their needs in center stage**. (ICAlliance)*



***Thank you for
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