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General objectives

The HoNCAB project is a timely initiative that strives to take advantage of the interval between the adoption of the Directive 2011/24/EU and its definitive application in the MSs. This is a delicate period in that many MSs may choose to apply either a more favorable approach or a more restrictive and budget-conscious approach when transposing the Directive into National legislation. The chosen strategy hinges greatly on available information and this is where the HoNCAB project can fill the gap. Namely, by making available some preliminary but “real” data on the impact of patient mobility and by fine-tuning the methods of classification of the tariffs and the related techniques for comparison. Furthermore, the HoNCAB project aims to provide a framework for the launch of a pilot hospital network which will be quite extensive in its initial form and that will be designed to grow over time. Such a network will allow the participating hospitals to have a practical experience of the opportunities and critical issues of cross-border care and to share problems and solutions with other MS.

Strategic relevance and contribution to the public health programme

STRATEGIC RELEVANCE: This project has been designed with the potential of the expected outcomes in mind (i.e. a model and system that can be applied in the context of an increasingly expanding hospital network to obtain information on the balance of patient’s mobility, the scale of movement and the overall effects). The existence of such a system could be very useful both for Community legislators and national governments should they wish to monitor the effects of the Directive in the future. CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROGRAMME: One of the three principal objectives of the 2nd programme of Community action in the field of health is “Generating and disseminating health information and knowledge”. The core activities of this project relate specifically to this topic in that it seeks to create systems for collecting and sharing information, it proposes to then analyse such information with a view to drawing up recommendations and then to disseminate these recommendations to the widest audiences possible.

Methods and means

Consultation Process: with key stakeholders (Patients, Healthcare providers, National and regional Ministries, Policy Makers)
Secondary research: Mapping of previous and on-going EU-funded projects (e.g. HealthBasket, Hospital Data Project (HDP), EuroDRG project, EUCBCC/ECAB, EUREGIO, PARENT)
Field Research: In-depth analysis of socio-demographic and financial variables
concerning cross-border patients already collected by network hospitals’ information systems (WP4,5) and analysis of grouping algorithms for a selected list of eight principally elective treatments in at least 10 European countries (WP7).

Piloting of Systems: Testing of the functionality of the data/information collection tools in particular with regards to clarity, coherency, and user-friendliness.

Capacity Building: Development of a specific training program (including an easy-to-use manual) for the data collection/data entry procedures.

Ethical Considerations: Guidelines with indications on privacy and ethical issues.

Expected outcomes period

(1) Hospital Network - A network of hospitals with a functioning organisational structure and established means of communication
(2) Knowledge Management Systems consisting of:
- A system to report and exchange information on any administrative issues related to payment of care for cross-border patients (Web-based application)
- A system to receive feedback from patients in relation to reimbursement costs (and quality of care)
(3) Information on:
- The main problems facing hospitals when it comes to the payment of care for cross-border patients
- The differences in DRG categories and DRG-based tariffs
- The general cost levels between Member States and discrepancies between general cost levels
- An estimation of the impact of cross-border care in financial terms (hospitals/patients)
- An estimation of the level of satisfaction of patients in relation to reimbursement costs (and quality of care)
(4) Recommendations
- Recommendations on the organisational requirements for cross-border management of payment issues in view of the enforcement of Directive 2011/24/EU by Oct 2013
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http://azorina.cc.cec.eu.int:8082/publications/20111301/20111301_d01-00_en_is_webbasedmanagementinformationtool.pdf

D02 - Dissemination Strategy (EN)
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D03 - Interim and financial reports including evaluation reports
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D04 - Database including Training Package (Programme and user Manual and Guidelines on Ethical and Privacy issues) (EN)
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