

Important Medical Information for the travelling patient

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Why information for the travelling patient?



What information was regarded as important?

- Diagnoses (Chronic)
 - Medical name ICD10
- Medications
 - Generic name, trade name doses)
- Allergies/reactions
 - English + generic name of medicine
- Implants
 - English name, type & nr
- Vaccinations

- ECGs?
 - Scanned pictures
- Last control



Pilot test

In five regions (countries) with chronic patients,
heart patients and elderly travelling patients

USB-stick with:

- Important information about the patient
- Instructions to the doctor & reader



Evaluation

- Lituania: 10 sticks to travelling Cardiologic patients
- Scans of ECGs
- 40-60 minutes to load the stick
- Great interest and belief in this kind of solutions
- Improvements
- Higher security
- Easier loading (standardization ..)



Evaluation

Poland:

5 sticks to travelling GPs patients

Great interest and belief in this kind of solutions also for use between GPs and hospitals and travels within Poland

Suggestions for improvements

Two parts in the stick: One for information & one for information about treatment

Security copy of the information

Standardization and two languages?



Evaluation

Germany

13 sticks to travelling GPs patients (+26 not yet evaluated)?

Great interest in the solutions – people feel safer

2 sticks used in real situations abroad

75% would like to carry the stick everyday

100% want to bring the stick abroad

80% + could think of paying 40 Euro

Suggestions for improvements

Easier loading

“Patientenverfügung”



Summary

- Patients think it is important that medical information can be reached
- Doctors can see the use of it
- Putting together and loading the important information takes a long time must be easier
- Security must be higher



Suggestions for the future

- An “Internet bank” instead of USB-sticks
- High security
 - Access
 - Unchangeable/locked information
 - Automised of data input
- Successive adoption of established EU-standards

