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PaSQ European Union Network
for Patient Safety and
Quality of Care

Background:

- The 2009 Council Recommendation on patient safety, including the prevention and control of healthcare associated infections;
- The Council Working Party on Public Health at Senior Level: proposed to organise a joint action on quality of care and patient safety, based on the Reflection paper on healthcare quality, with attention for patient involvement;
- The achievements of the EUNetPaS project;
- Two meetings with MS and stakeholder organisations in 2010.

Objectives:

- To support the implementation of the Council Recommendations on patient safety by cooperation among Member States and stakeholders.
- To strengthen cooperation between EU Member States and EU stakeholders on issues related to quality of health care, including patient safety and patient involvement.

The opening conference of the Patient Safety and Quality of Care Joint Action will take place 24-25 May 2012 in Denmark and the project will run for a period of 36 months.

The role of CPME

CPME will support to identify and share transferable patient safety good practices that have readily proven to prevent risk or harm to patients and share them through an interactive web-tool.

The following steps are foreseen:

- Defining a common terminology and a framework,
- Identifying and approving good clinical practices (GCP),
- Mutual sharing of GCP through site-visits and exchange mechanisms,
- Sharing GCP through an interactive IT platform.

A report of good clinical practice solutions in patient safety and quality of care will be one main deliverable. Different topics, specializations and settings such as frequency and severity of adverse events, risk detection and analysis, preventive interventions, surveillance of successful implementation and results can be identified to support the main deliverable.

CPME will also contribute to the implementation and monitoring of good practices in healthcare organizations within the participating member states. A survey on existing patient safety practices will be conducted by the member state and stakeholder organizations. A selection of good practices relevant for most of the other member states will be identified by the participating member state and stakeholders. The selection will be based on, existing implementation, transferability to other member states and health care systems and evaluation tools as well. The selection will aim at good practices addressing patient involvement as well as involvement of health care workers and addressing both, primary and secondary care where applicable.

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