



Free movement of people and health care in the EU

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Movement of people within EU



- free movement of people within EU
 - n is one of four keystones of EU community
 - n brings new jobs
 - n improves cohesion
 - n increases competitiveness
- We want to support free movement of people within EU
 - n (1) travellers n (2) workers n (3) patients

Goods  Capital  People  Services

Health care - condition for movement



Guaranteed access to health care abroad is one of the key conditions for the movement of people.



- education
- equipment
- processes
- information

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- administration
- reimbursement



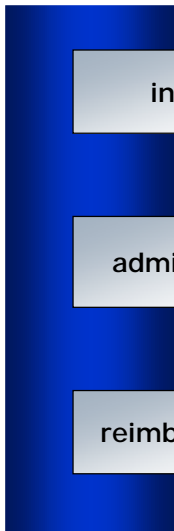
High quality of care and patient security



- education
- equipment
- processes
- **information**
 - n shareing and exchange of clinical information among doctors, health facilities, hospitals (whether in one country or cross-border) is essential for quality and security of health care
 - n only correct handling of clinical information enables continuity of health care



Access to health care abroad



- information for citizens, health professionals, payers
- rights and obligations
- identification of patient, health provider, payer
- reduce administrative barriers
- resolve legislative uncertainty
- what care will be covered by home state payer?
- under which conditions?



eHealth as a tool



- information on health and diseases
- health promotion and education
- patient rights and obligations
- health-care organisation
- electronic identifier
- sharing and exchange of clinical data
- continuity of care
- quality, security, efficiency



What can we (EU, EP, MEPs) do?



- better awareness of importance of health care for movement of people
- better understanding of eHealth as a technology which can help
- legislative solution for „health services abroad“
 - n health services within internal market
- political support to eHealth solutions
- support to data standards for electronic identifier and clinical data exchange



Follow-up...



- establish informal group of MEPs for eHealth
- deepen cooperation with the European Commission and all stakeholders
- public hearing in autumn 2007
- written declaration on eHealth

