

# eHealth and Pharmacy – Recent Developments in Policy & Practice

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# PGEU's Area of Work

-  Recently closed dossier
-  Ongoing...
-  To watch in 2016 & 2017
-  New dossier



**EMVS**



**Professional Recognition Directive**



**Falsified Medicines Directive**



**Medical Devices Regulation**



**HTA**



**Health Claims on Botanicals**



**Waste Directive**



**Veterinary medicines**



**Trade agreements**



**European semester!**



**VAT**

# PGEU's Area of Work



EUROPEAN ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS DAY



A European Health Initiative



EAACI  
EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF ALLERGY AND CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY



EC Expert & Stakeholder Groups...  
eHealth, PS, HWF, Self care etc..

# A note on terminology

teleHealth

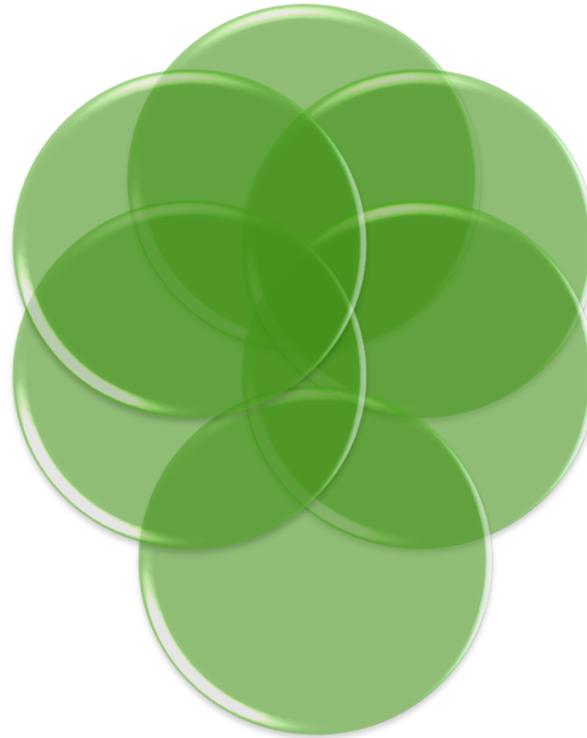
eHealth

mHealth

ePrescribing

eDispensing

tele/e/m/Whatever....



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# Presentation Overview

## 1. Policy Developments

- EU and Global Policy Developments
- Overview of EU-funded eHealth Projects
- EU Project Examples

## 2. eHealth in the Pharmacy

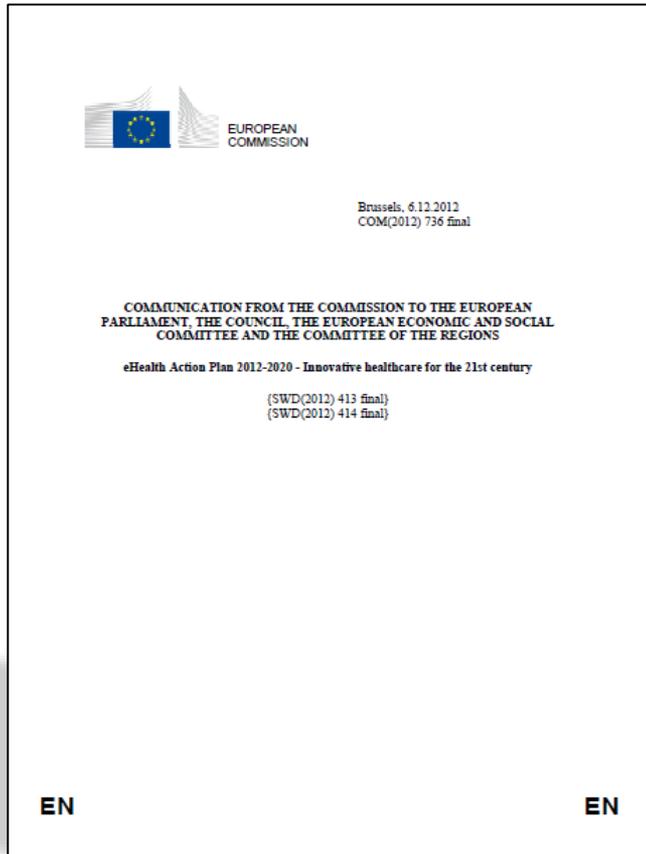
- Insights from Research
- Reality Check
- PGEU eHealth Policy

## 3. Examples from Practice

- Shared-care Records
- Pharmacy: Entry Point for the Health System
- Adherence Services
- ePrescribing and eDispensing
- The New Paradigm: mHealth

## 4. Concluding Remarks

# 1. Policy Developments: (i) EU & Global



## EC eHealth Action Plan 2012-2020

**Better health and  
better and safer care  
for EU citizens**

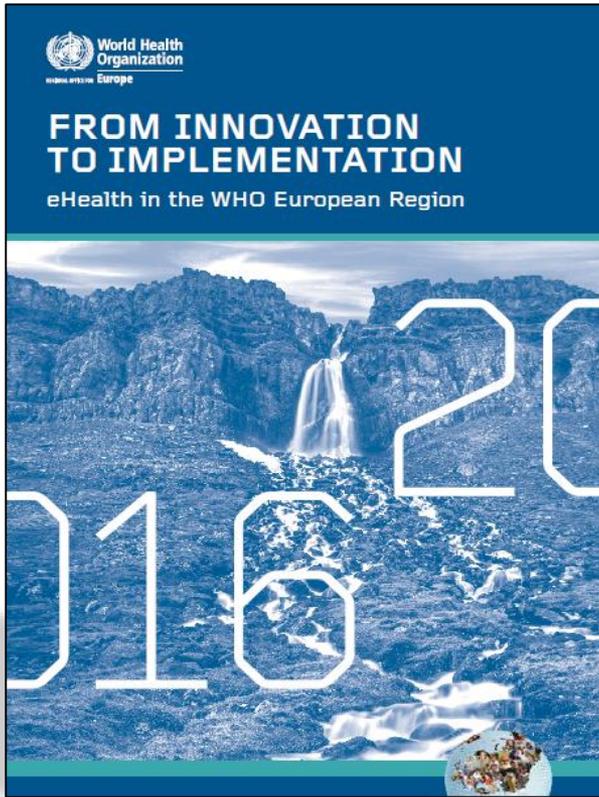
**ePrescriptions!**



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# 1. Policy Developments: (i) EU & Global



eHealth in the  
WHO Euro  
Region

Legislation on  
electronic  
health records

Regulation in  
mHealth

[http://www.who.int/\\_files/asset\\_upload\\_pdf/867062/2016/From\\_innovation\\_to\\_implementation\\_eHealth\\_Report\\_EU.pdf](http://www.who.int/_files/asset_upload_pdf/867062/2016/From_innovation_to_implementation_eHealth_Report_EU.pdf)

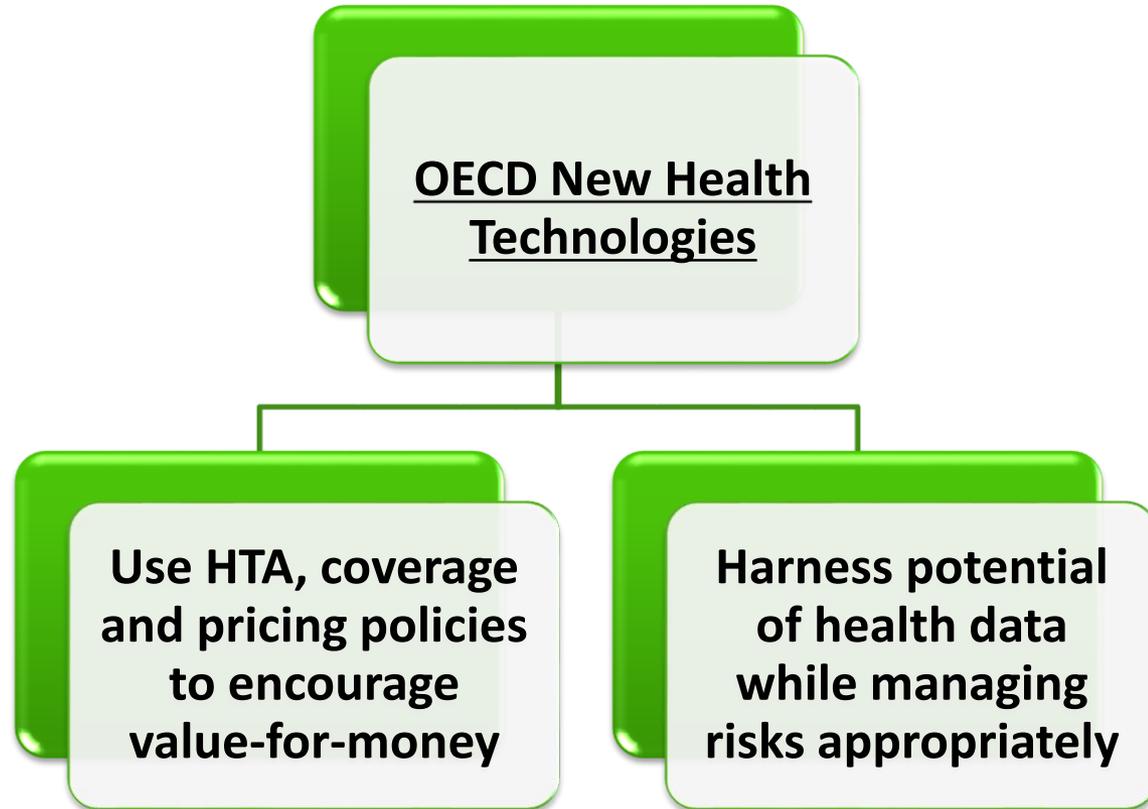


# 1. Policy Developments: (i) EU & Global

**New Health Technologies:  
Managing Access, Value  
and Sustainability**



<http://www.oecd.org/health/management/technologies/health/528060668.pdf>



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# 1. Policy Developments: (ii) Overview of EU-Funded eHealth Projects



- Mental health
- Pain
- Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease
- Stroke
- Respiratory
- Cardiovascular disorders
- Diabetes
- Cancer
- Paediatrics
- Sight and hearing
- Gastroenterology and incontinence
- Sexual health
- Rehabilitation
- Personal health
- Preventive healthcare
- Mobile health
- Clinical trials and biomedical informatics
- Anesthesia
- Patient safety
- Knowledge sharing & infrastructure for eHealth
- Telemedicine
- Patient empowerment
- eHealth services
- Interoperability & cross-border healthcare
- Clinical research
- Innovation procurement
- International projects in low & middle income countries

**+75 recently completed or ongoing projects**

# 1. Policy Developments: (iii) EU Project Examples - JAsEHN & WEB-RADR



**JASEHN**  
Joint Action to Support the eHealth Network

All 28 EU Member States

Develop political recommendations and instruments for cooperation priority areas

<http://jasehn.eu/>



**WEB-RADR**

Mobile app: reporting *suspected* ADRs to EU regulators

Feedback following ADR is more relevant

<https://web-radr.eu/>

# 2. eHealth in the Pharmacy: (i) Insights from Research

Linn 2011:

JOURNAL OF MEDICAL INTERNET RESEARCH Linn et al  
Review  
Effects of eHealth Interventions on Medication Adherence: A Systematic Review of the Literature  
Annemiek J Linn<sup>1</sup>, MSc; Marcia Vervloet<sup>2</sup>, MSc; Liset van Dijk<sup>3</sup>, PhD; Edith G Smit<sup>1</sup>, PhD; Julia CM Van Weert<sup>1</sup>, PhD

Oh et al 2005:

JOURNAL OF MEDICAL INTERNET RESEARCH Oh et al  
Review  
What Is eHealth (3): A Systematic Review of Published Definitions  
Hans Oh<sup>1,2</sup>, BSc; Carlos Rizo<sup>1,2</sup>, MD; Murray Enkin<sup>1</sup>, MD; Alejandro Jadad<sup>1,2</sup>, MD, DPhil  
<sup>1</sup>Centre for Global eHealth Innovation, University Health Network, Toronto ON, Canada  
<sup>2</sup>Department of Health Policy Management and Evaluation, University of Toronto, Toronto ON, Canada

Della Mea 2001:

JOURNAL OF MEDICAL INTERNET RESEARCH Della Mea  
Editorial  
What is e-Health (2): The death of telemedicine?  
Vincenzo Della Mea  
(*J Med Internet Res* 2001;3(2):e22) doi:10.2196/jmir.3.2.e22

Eysenbach 2001:

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What is e-health?  
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Promising results but still quality issues

Realisation eHealth is a thing

The death of telemedicine?

What is eHealth?

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## Adherence, ePrescribing & Patient Safety

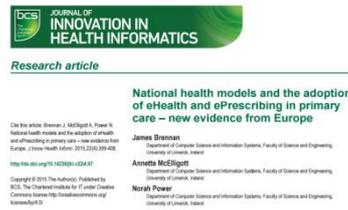
Rinner et al 2015:

*Research Article*  
**Effects of Shared Electronic Health Record Systems on Drug-Drug Interaction and Duplication Warning Detection**

Christoph Rinner,<sup>1</sup> Wilfried Grossmann,<sup>2</sup> Simone Katja Sauter,<sup>1</sup> Michael Wolzt,<sup>3</sup> and Walter Gall<sup>1</sup>

**Patient safety is improved with eHRs**

Brennan et al 2015:



**1/3 of European GPs utilise ePrescribing**

Linn et al 2012:



**1 + 1 = 3? The systematic development of a theoretical and evidence-based tailored multimedia intervention to improve medication adherence**

Annemiek J. Linn<sup>a,\*</sup>, Julia C.M. van Weert<sup>a</sup>, Edith G. Smit<sup>c</sup>, Kate Perry<sup>c</sup>, Liset van Dijk<sup>b</sup>

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<sup>c</sup> Department Health Psychology, Utrecht HealthCare, Utrecht, The Netherlands

**Framework develop a tailored multimedia intervention for adherence**



# 2. eHealth in the Pharmacy: (i) Insights from Research

Inter-disciplinary education, data-sharing & greater integration

Roehrs et al 2017:



Rinner et al 2016:



Mossialos et al 2015:



From "retailers" to health care providers: Transforming the role of community pharmacists in chronic disease management

Elias Mossialos<sup>a,\*</sup>, Emilie Courtin<sup>a</sup>, Huseyin Naci<sup>a</sup>, Shalom Benrimoj<sup>b</sup>, Marcel Bouvy<sup>c</sup>, Karen Farris<sup>d</sup>, Peter Noyce<sup>e</sup>, Ingrid Sketris<sup>f</sup>

Systematic review of personal health records

Health information exchange can address fragmentation

Role of community pharmacists in chronic disease management



# Question.....

Is tele/e/m/online Banking the same as tele/e/mHealth?



<http://internetbankings.info/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/INTERNET-BANKING.jpg>



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# Answers.....

***“Responsibility for medicines and pharmaceutical products will stay with the Directorate-General for Health because I agree with you that medicines are not goods like any other.”***

***- Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission , 2014-2019***

<http://www.eesc.europa.eu/resources/docs/jean-claude-juncker---political-guidelines.pdf>

# 2. eHealth in the Pharmacy: (ii) PGEU eHealth Policy



PGEU 2016 eHealth Statement Annex: 25 practices from 14 European countries (not exhaustive)

<http://pgeu.eu/en/policy/9:e-health.html>

# 2. eHealth in the Pharmacy: (ii) PGEU eHealth Policy

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**Engage with pharmacists**

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**eHealth should be integrated into health systems**

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**eHRs should be linked with ePrescribing systems**

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**Meaningfully involve end users**

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**Pharmacy should be recognised, supported and reimbursed for improved health outcomes and reduced healthcare costs.**

<http://pgeu.eu/en/policy/9:e-health.html>

# 3. Examples from Practice

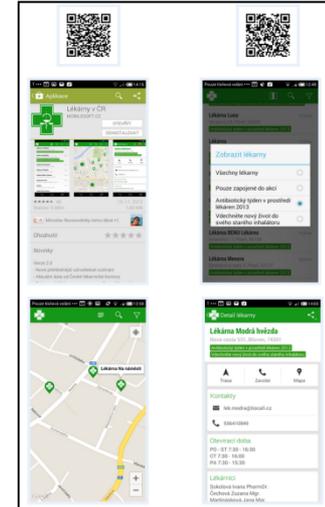


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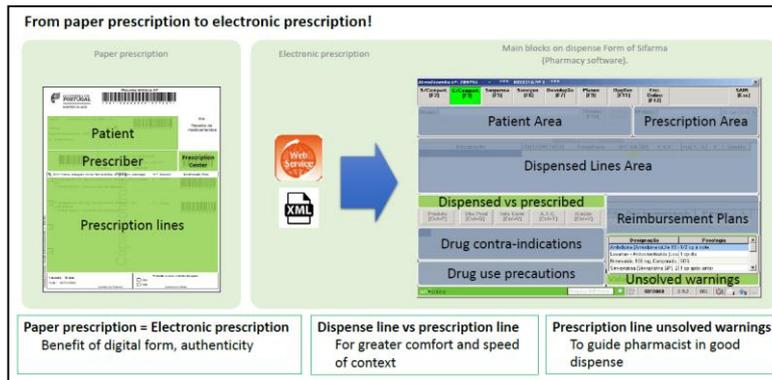
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Spørg apoteket om din medicin døgnet rundt

Chat direkte

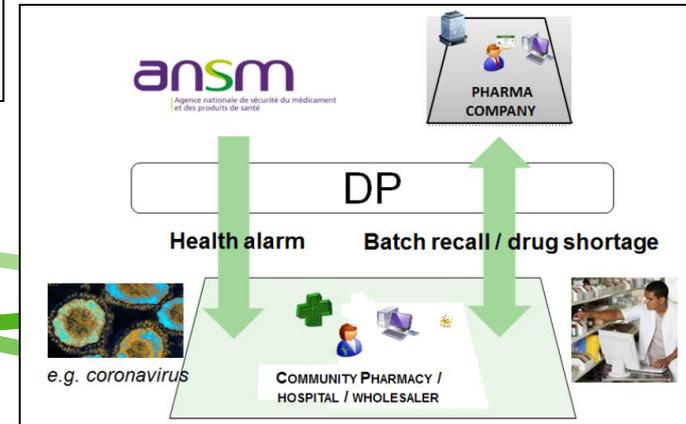
eller ring på tlf. 8020 2407



Bulgarian Pharmacy Mapping

Карта на аптеките и дрогерите в България

[www.mApteka.bg](http://www.mApteka.bg)



# 3. Examples from Practice: (i) Shared-care Records

Dossier Pharmaceutique  
Partagé: Belgium

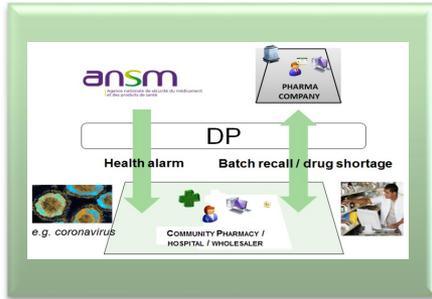
## Shared medication record

- Prescription or OTC
- Interactions, abuse, duplication, adherence
- Integrated to existing pharmacy software
- 75% of Belgian pharmacists
- 60% of the Belgian population

Farmacie	Cat	Code	Uitschrijving	Begin	Laat
	GFD-1		ASPIRINE 100MG COMP 30	02/14	02/14
	GFD-1		ASPIRINE 100MG COMP 30	02/14	02/14
	GFD-1		NUROFEN 30 TABL 200MG	02/14	02/14
	GFD-1		NUROFEN 30 TABL 200MG	02/14	02/14
OTC	P	15	ASPIRINE 100MG COMP 30	02/14	02/14
	P	15	CLAMOXYL CAPS 16X500MG	12/13	02/14
	GFD-1		NOVABRINE CAPS 16X500MG	02/14	02/14
	GFD-1		CLAMOXYL CAPS 16X500MG	02/14	02/14
	GFD-1		NUROFEN 30 TABL 200MG	02/14	02/14
	GFD-1		NUROFEN 30 TABL 200MG	02/14	02/14
Div	P	4	DAPAGLAN FORTE DROEG 10 TABL 50	02/14	02/14
	GFD-1		NUROFEN 30 TABL 200MG	02/14	02/14
	GFD-1		CLAMOXYL CAPS 16X500MG	02/14	02/14
	GFD-1		CLAMOXYL CAPS 16X500MG	02/14	02/14
	P	3	ALTERNIA POST OP LEIDSB. NUSTER 1070MM 6 12000	02/14	02/14
	P	4	ALTERNIA FREE G/C FRANSOP MAVO 2075MM 30 46126	02/14	02/14
	P	3	COMPLAST SUPERFLEX P. 65 355MM 5 FF3957	02/14	02/14
	GFD-1		CLAMOXYL CAPS 16X500MG	02/14	02/14
	P	16	PILATINE COMP 20X10 MG	02/13	02/14



# 3. Examples from Practice: (i) Shared-care Records



## Dossier Pharmaceutique: France

- Shared medication record
- Legal framework 2007
- ~100% pharmacists, 50% of population
- 330 million data shares
- +100 'alarm bells' / recalls
- Read / write access
- Soon: hospital physicians
- Two studies: DP helped pharmacists detect interactions and contraindications (often OTCs and common Rx)

<http://www.ordre.pharmacien.fr/Communications/Communiqués-de-presse/Evaluation-du-DP-de-sa-mise-en-oeuvre-aux-Interventions-Pharmaceutiques>

# 3. Examples from Practice: (i) Shared-care Records



Summary Care Records (SCRs): UK

Summary of medicines, allergies and ADRs

Authorised only, patient's consent

First step to read-and-write access to full eHR

Proof of concept report:

[http://systems.hscic.gov.uk/scr/library/poc\\_report.pdf](http://systems.hscic.gov.uk/scr/library/poc_report.pdf)

92% of cases avoided referral to other HCP

18% of cases avoided risk of prescribing error

92% of pharmacists agree or strongly agree that SCR has improved the service to patients

### **3. Examples from Practice: (ii) Pharmacy as the entry point for to the health system**

#### **Italian “Platform”**

**- Link between primary & secondary care**

**- Book nurses, physiotherapists, specialist doctors in the pharmacy**

**- Facilitate future PhCare services & DP**

# 3. Examples from Practice: (ii) Pharmacy as the entry point for to the health system

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**netCare:  
Switzerland**

**Collaboration**

Between GPs & community pharmacists

**Pharmacy**

Point of access to the HC system

**Triage**

Done in the pharmacy, by the pharmacist

**Validated**

Decision tree by physicians

Follow-up call for evaluation

**Training**

Extensive training and CPD provided



# 3. Examples from Practice: (ii) Pharmacy as the entry point for to the health system

**netCare:  
Switzerland**

**Treatment options:**

- **Treatment by the pharmacist**
- **Video consultation with a physician**
- **Referral to a physician**

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### 3. Examples from Practice: (ii) Pharmacy as the entry point for to the health system

#### netCare: Switzerland - Outcomes



- 73% of cases dealt by pharmacists,
- 20% by physicians teleconsultation
- 7% referred to acute care



- Improvement of practice, satisfaction & pharmacist's position
- Increase coverage of healthcare, reduction in health inequalities

# 3. Examples from Practice: (iii) Adherence Services

## New Medicine Service (NMS): UK

- Targeted: LTCs
- CVD
- Diabetes
- Hypertension
- Asthma
- Anticoag
- Anti-platelet

2 weeks:  
in-pharmacy  
or telephone  
consultation

- Contact doctor  
OR
- Provide advice  
and arrange  
final consult  
(2 weeks)

Opportunity  
for pharmacist  
to provide  
dietary and  
healthy  
lifestyle  
advice

Proven cost  
effective  
Improves  
adherence  
by 10%

<http://psnc.org.uk/services-commissioning/advanced-services/nms/>  
<http://psnc.org.uk/funding-and-statistics/nhs-statistics/nms-statistics/>  
<http://psnc.org.uk/funding-and-statistics/nhs-statistics/nms-statistics/>  
<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/~pazmjb/nms/>



# 3. Examples from Practice: (iii)

## Adherence Services

**DO-PILL: France**

### Smart ePill Box Connected to the Pharmacy



- Data updated when dispensed
- Alarm & lights for due dose
- Alarm sounds if patient opens the wrong compartment
- Pharmacist informed when compartment opened
- On Rx: 3 projects      a) Transplant b) Epilepsy c) Leukaemia



# 3. Examples from Practice: (iv) ePrescribing and eDispensing

## ePrescribing: Portugal

### Benefits: pharmacists

- Minimise dispensing errors
- Better integration
- Reduced admin burden
- Lower costs
- Integrated with reimbursement

### Benefits: patients

- Safety
- Confidentiality
- Mobility and convenience
- Integration



# 3. Examples from Practice: (iv) ePrescribing and eDispensing

## ePrescribing: Portugal

From paper prescription to electronic prescription!

Paper prescription

The image shows a paper prescription form with a header for 'Farmácia S. João' and a barcode. The main body is divided into three green sections: 'Patient', 'Prescriber', and 'Prescription lines'. The 'Prescription lines' section contains several lines of text and barcodes.

Electronic prescription

Main blocks on dispense form of Sifarma (Pharmacy software).

The screenshot shows a software interface with a top menu bar containing items like 'S/Comput', 'L/Comput', 'Suporçoes', 'Suavizac', 'Desenvolp', 'Planos', 'Registos', 'Frm. Ordens', and 'SAH'. Below the menu are several main blocks: 'Patient Area', 'Prescription Area', 'Dispersed Lines Area', 'Dispersed vs prescribed', 'Reimbursement Plans', 'Drug contra-indications', 'Drug use precautions', and 'Unsolved warnings'. A 'Web Service' icon and an 'XML' icon are shown to the left of a large blue arrow pointing towards the software interface.

Paper prescription = Electronic prescription  
Benefit of digital form, authenticity

Dispense line vs prescription line  
For greater comfort and speed of context

Prescription line unsolved warnings  
To guide pharmacist in good dispense

# 3. Examples from Practice: (v) The New Paradigm of mHealth

## BOT PLUS 2.0: Spain



- Meds, devices & health
- Dispensing support msgs, pictograms, interactions
- Module for PhCare Services
  - Record dispensing info, minor ailments and Medicines Review with Follow-up Service
- Search: brand, generic, national code, ATC code & MA holder
- Filter for renal / hepatic impairment & pregnancy / lactation
- .pdf download of SmPCs

# 3. Examples from Practice: (v) The New Paradigm of mHealth

**Various other apps have been created by pharmacists/pharmacies in.....**

**Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Portugal, Sweden and the UK**

**Functions:**

**Locate a pharmacy  
Check stock  
Order an OTC  
Video consultation  
Monitor blood \_\_\_\_\_  
Vaccine & medication reminders  
And much more.....**

# 4. Concluding Remarks

eHealth (teleHealth, eHealth and mHealth) is here to stay, but it does not replace the role of the practitioner, but complements their practice



Pharmacists are increasingly engaging in eHealth activities and services to benefit their patients, payers, health systems, governments and their own practice



Policy makers, payers and governments have realised the potential contribution to patient care and financial benefits of eHealth activities and services



Now is the time to act to ensure pharmacists/pharmacies are included in these developments and national action plans for eHealth



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