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Response by the Finnish Medical Association to Medical Informatics Questionnaire

*“The understanding, skills and tools to facilitate the sharing
and use of information in the best interest of patient care”*

All replies to this questionnaire to be sent to the Chairman, Dr. Liam J. Lynch at hamlyn@eircom.net with a copy sent to Elisabeth Sundstrom at the UEMO at uemo@uemo.org

1. In your country does each patient have a unique identifier regarding contact with the health services (unique patient identifier)?

Yes

2. In your country can health information systems communicate with each other (i.e. universal handshake protocols)?

No

3. Is there a national policy on health informatics?

Yes

The purpose of the National Health Project is to prepare the specifications of electronic patient documents, which will make electronic contacts and exchange of data possible by the end of 2007.

If yes please forward a copy of the policy. ***There is no printed material available yet.***

4. Is Health Informatics a significant part of CPD/CME?

No

5. Is Health Informatics Used:

	Yes	No
Doctor to Doctor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Doctor to Patient?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Patient to Doctor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pharmacy to Doctor?		<input type="checkbox"/>
Pharmacy to Patient?		<input type="checkbox"/>
Others (please specify)?		

The use is still on a small scale. It is mainly a question of booking doctors' appointments and giving treatment instructions. The methods of electronic medicine prescription will be tested in a pilot project starting soon.

6. Where does the responsibility lie for resourcing and implementing health informatics in General Practice (health authority, state, GP's)?

Mainly municipalities that have responsibility for arranging health services to their inhabitants.

7. To what degree do you consider Health Informatics to be effective in your country? (please indicate percentage)

50%

8. Is the use of telemedicine significant in General Practice?

No

There is a lot of interest and various trials are going on all the time.

9. Are you aware of any EU initiative regarding Health Informatics/Telemedicine?

Yes. We follow actively the preparation on various levels within EU and take part in drafting national statements.

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