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Swedish Response to the Medical Informatics Questionnaire

Country: Sweden

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

Some systems can communicate but not all.

3. Is there a national policy on health informatics?

Yes No

If yes please forward a copy of the policy.

We do not have a separate policy for health informatics but access to recorded health information is regulated in national law.

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

Yes No

5. Is Health Informatics Used: *See below!*

Yes No

Doctor to Doctor?		
Doctor to Patient?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patient to Doctor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pharmacy to Doctor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pharmacy to Patient?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others (please specify)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

GPs can communicate with each other and with nurses and laboratory by HI. In some places GPs even can communicate with hospital doctors. Contact with patients is possible in a small extent through e-mail. More than 50% of prescriptions are nowadays sent to pharmacy electronically. HI is not used between pharmacy and the patient.

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

It is not obvious where the responsibility lies but mostly it is a matter for the health authority and the employer.

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

Hard to say but I estimate about 60%

0% **60%** 100%

8. Is the use of telemedicine significant in General Practice? Yes No

It is used but only to a small extent. In some rural areas it is more common. Telemedicine concerning x-ray is most widespread.

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

No