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>> Who we are

HoNCAB is a project co-financed by the European Commission (Executive Agency for Health and Consumers) under the Second Programme of Community Action in the Field of Health 2008-2013.

HoNCAB's main objective is to obtain a better understanding of the financial and organisational requirements that may arise as a result of a patient receiving healthcare outside the Member State of affiliation.

The project will also set up a pilot network of hospitals, with the aim to share between Member States practical experiences, problems and solutions related to cross-border care.

>> In brief

Project acronym:	HoNCAB
Project full title:	Support creation of pilot network of hospitals related to payment of care for cross border patients
Coordinator:	Azienda Ospedaliera Universitaria Integrata Verona
Starting date:	September 2012
Duration:	36 months
Budget:	1.346.306,00 Euros

>> What we want to achieve

- Set up a pilot Network of Hospitals designed to grow over time
- Establish a system to report and exchange information on administrative issues related to payment of care for cross-border patients and on patients' satisfaction with reimbursement and quality of care
- Compare differences between Diagnosis Related Groups (DRGs) categories and tariffs
- Provide recommendations on the organisational requirements for cross-border management of payment issues



>> How we organise the work

The project is divided into nine work packages, each one having specific objectives:

WP 1: Coordination of the project

Administration and management of the project. Coordinate and oversee the work and tasks of all WPs.

WP2: Dissemination

Make results and deliverables available to the identified target audience.

WP3: Evaluation

Verify the project is being implemented as planned and reaches its objectives.

WP4: Systems for exchange of information

Set up a database for data collection and entry of cross-border patients information according to pre-defined variables such as socio-demographic, health-related and administration variables.

WP5: System to receive feedback from patients

Create a system to receive feedback from patients receiving cross-border care, with a focus on reimbursement issues.

WP6: Hospital Network

Set up a pilot network of hospitals with a functioning organisational structure and established means of communication.

WP7: Comparison of DRG-based tariffs

Compare the level of reimbursement for a selected list of principally elective treatments.

WP8: Investigation on key thematic issues: tourism, cross-border care

Carry out case-studies to investigate two areas: health tourism and cross-border healthcare.

WP9: Recommendations

Provide recommendations on the organisational requirements for cross-border management of payment issues.