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Pan-European Emergency Medicine Database Project

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Pan-European Emergency Medicine Database

This project is exploring the feasibility of developing a Pan-European database of emergency department presentations. Such a database would establish evidence-based commonalities and differences in presentation patterns and clinical trajectories internationally. This epidemiology would lend itself to improved collaboration in many areas including treatment guidelines.

In order for such a project to generate meaningful data two key features must be addressed:

- Understanding emergency medicine management in each country: how European ED's function and are staffed, how they receive and register patients digitally as well as how patients are assessed clinically will ensure any anonymous data extracted is comparable.
- 2. Establishing commonalities in how patient complaints are recorded: Emergency medicine is quite unlike other specialties in that the patients complaint rather than a specific diagnosis dictates why, when and where consultations happen. As such, establishing a person-centered language of complaints will be key to subsequent clinical accuracy.

To this end, we have been processing data from 13 countries to establish qualitative parameters with a view to doubling this by end 2019 and collecting initial quantitative sample data in early 2020.

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Accident & Emergency Informatics (A&EI)

Welcome

Accident & Emergency Informatics (A&EI) is a novel discipline in medical informatics, aiming at integrating data recorded at the accident sites with health records of subjects being involved in such accidents for better support and provide the accident sites are accessed.



EFMI-EUSEM Task Force

Welcome

The European Federation for Medical Informatics (EFMI) and the European Society for Emergency Medicine (EUSEM) have established a Joint Task Force.

EUSEM and EFMI plan to create recommendations and education tools for the application of information technologies in Emergency Medicine Systems. The starting point will be a minimum data set for emergency departments. Joint work will address IT tools and standards and will focus on the definition and format for capturing the Chief Complaint in Emergency departments. Part of the collaborative effort is a feasibility study that will engage EDs, EMSs, and industry throughout Europe as well as educational material that will enrich current curricula and is expected to drive implementation of the recommendations.

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Emergency Medicine professionals <u>navigate</u> the unpredictable waters of unscheduled care.

Can

Emergency medicine professionals show leadership in the increasingly rough waters of rights-based medicine?





- What know now
 - Who is doing what
- What have we to gain from comparison/collabortion
- What are opportunities and boundaries to comparison/collaboration
 _ EFMI
 - Existing databases Germany, Netherlands
- Potential Implications for EUSEM as a society
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Current engagement: - 33 + countries - some multiples

Site vists conducted: 10 +



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Process:

120 items in survey

+ follow up with individual countries (what we know we dont know)

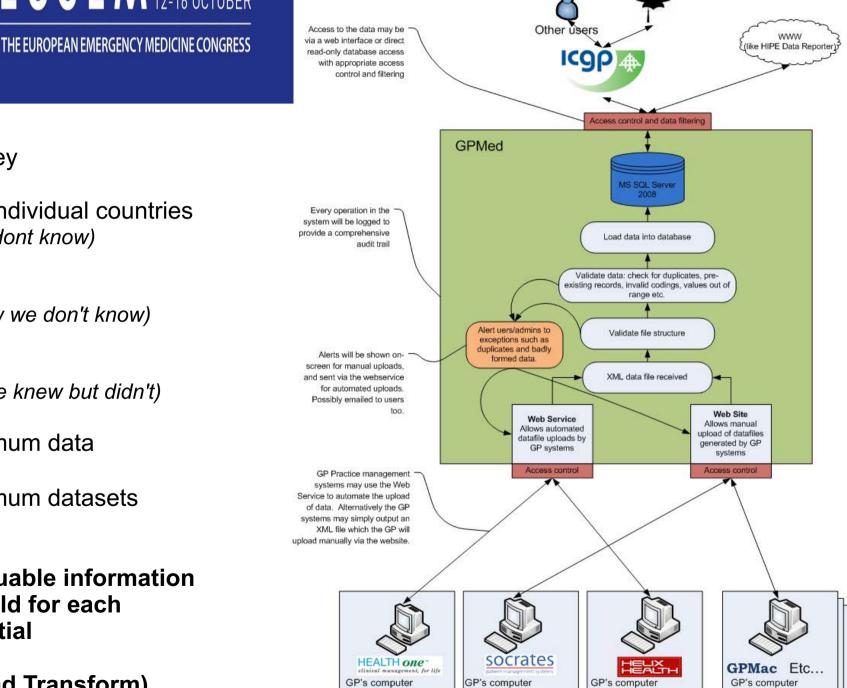
+ site visits (what we don't know we don't know)

+iterations (what we thought we knew but didn't)





GPMed System Overview



Process: 120 items in survey

+ follow up with individual countries (what we know we dont know)

+ site visits (what we don't know we don't know)

+iterations (what we thought we knew but didn't)

- + sharing of minimum data
- + sharing of minimum datasets

Now gaining valuable information necessary to build for each country a potential

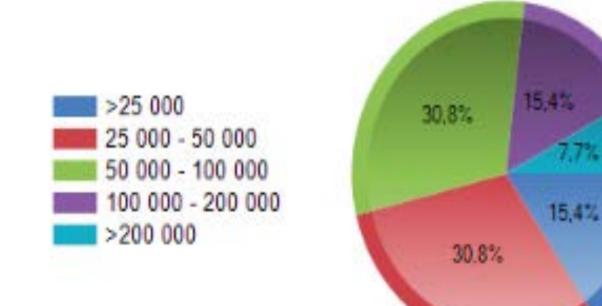
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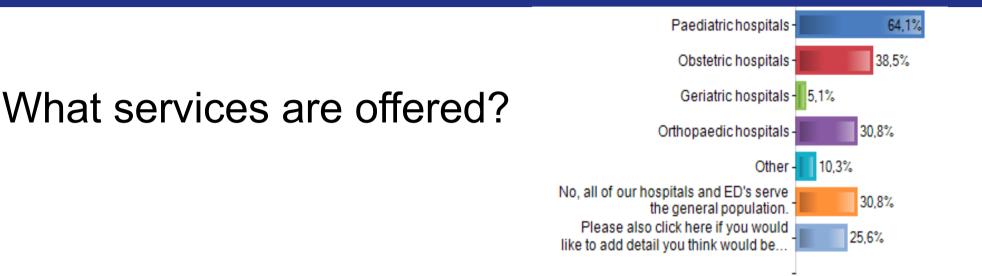
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What size of ED are they coming to? (visits / year)



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28. In your region/country are bypass protocols in place where an ambulance might not take a patient to the nearest ED depending on their condition? (please click ALL answers that apply).

	Frequencies	% Resp.
No. Ambulances will always go to the nearest ED.	7	17,9%
We have bypass protocol for some conditions/ patient types.	28	71,8%
There is a bypass protocol for Trauma	23	59%
There is a bypass protocol for ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI).	30	76,9%
There is a bypass protocol for (FAST +) or thrombolysable stroke.	22	56,4%
Ambulances with children bypass closer adult hospitals to get to paediatric hospitals.	15	38,5%
Ambulances with women in labour bypass closer hospitals to get to obstetric hospitals	. 20	51,3%
Other bypass protocols not listed here (please add).	2	5,1%
Please also click here if you would like to add detail you think would be helpful	3	7,7%
Total	39	

Effective responses : 39 Response rate : 90,7% Non-response(s) : 4

The most quoted modalities : There is a bypass protocol for ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI).; We have bypass protocol for some conditions, patient types.; There is a bypass protocol for Trauma



Who pays for visits to the ED?

18. In your hospital, when patients present to the Emergency Department, do they have to pay for their care?

	Frequencies	% Resp.
NO - the government pays for all patients to come to the ED, patients are never charged a fee.	20	51,3%
YES - all patients are charged a standard fee.	3	7,7%
YES - all patients are charged a standard fee and also extra fees for investigations and treatments.	4	10,3%
SOME - all patients are charged a fee, but some patients have this fee covered by the government, for example if they are within a certain income or age category	. 9	23,1%
SOME - all patients are charged a fee, but some patients would have private health insurance that would cover this fee	5	12,8%
Please ALSO click here to add comments you think might be helpful	11	28,2%
Total	39	-

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Understanding variation to avoid selection bias

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Confounding factors...

	Not really a prob	lem for us.	Small pro	blems.	Moderate pr	oblems.	Big prob	lems.	This is a crisis in o	our region.	Tot	al
	Freq.	% Resp.	Freq.	% Resp.	Freq.	% Resp.	Freq.	% Resp.	Freq.	% Resp.	Freq.	% Resp.
Overcrowding in the ED	0	0%	4	10,3%	12	30,8%	17	43,6%	6	15,4%	39	100%
Waiting times in the ED	0	0%	7	18,9%	17	45,9%	11	29,7%	2	5,4%	37	100%
Problems with patients who are finished	1	2,7%	6	16,2%	11	29,7%	15	40,5%	4	10,8%	37	100%
Recruiting and retaining doctors	5	12,8%	5	12,8%	12	30,8%	11	28,2%	6	15,4%	39	100%
Recruiting and retaining nurses	4	10,8%	6	16,2%	12	32,4%	11	29,7%	4	10,8%	37	100%
Resources and funding to the ED	1	2,6%	11	28,9%	7	18,4%	16	42,1%	3	7,9%	38	100%
Physician burnout	3	7,7%	10	25,6%	10	25,6%	9	23,1%	7	17,9%	39	100%
Non-physician staff- burnout	2	5,4%	12	32,4%	13	35,1%	6	16,2%	4	10,8%	37	100%
Volume of patients who would be better	3	7,9%	7	18,4%	6	15,8%	18	47,4%	4	10,5%	38	100%
Gender balance among ED doctors	17	44,7%	13	34,2%	6	15,8%	2	5,3%	0	0%	38	100%
Gender balance among ED nurses	14	36,8%	13	34,2%	8	21,1%	2	5,3%	1	2,6%	38	100%
Adequate provision for doctors who are	9	23,7%	10	26,3%	9	23,7%	10	26,3%	0	0%	38	100%
Adequate provison for nurses who are pa	. 8	21,1%	11	28,9%	10	26,3%	9	23,7%	0	0%	38	100%
Total	67	13,6%	115	23,3%	133	27%	137	27,8%	41	8,3%	493	100%

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The good news....

Extent of ED digitisation:

62. Does your ED use a computer system for any of the following tasks:

Frequencies	% Resp.
3	7,7%
22	56,4%
18	46,2%
20	51,3%
17	43,6%
6	15,4%
39	
	3 22 18 20 17 6

Effective responses : 39 Non-response(s) : 4 Response rate : 90,7% The most guoted mo

The most quoted modalities : Registering patients by clerical staff; Assessing and treating patients by doctors; Triaging patients by nurses



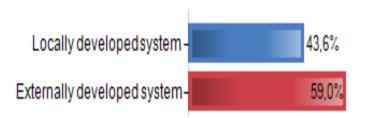
The good news....

Extent of ED digitisation:

64. Is the IT system in use developed locally for your ED only or is it an externally developed system that in?

	Frequencies	% Resp.
Locally developed system	17	43,6%
Externally developed system	23	59%
Please ALSO click here to add any detail you think would be helpful (including if possible the name of your system)	4	10,3%
Total	39	

Effective responses : 39 Non-response(s) : 4 Response rate : 90,7% The most quoted modality : Externally developed system





The good news.... Extent of ED digitisation:

79. At triage to nurses digitally record any of the following:

	Frequencies	% Resp.
Triage Category	30	88,2%
Blood pressure	28	82,4%
Temperature	28	82,4%
Heart Rate	28	82,4%
Oxygen saturations	27	79,4%
Respiratory rate	24	70,6%
Early warning score	7	20,6%
Please ALSO click here to add any other paparmeters or add detail that might be helpful.	9	26,5%
Total	34	

Effective responses : 34 Non-response(s) : 9 Response rate : 79,1% The most quoted modalities : Triage Category; Blood pressure; Temperature; ...

81. To your knowledge, would it be possible to extract data from this (clinical parameters at triage) field ?

Frequencies	% Resp.
2	5,1%
16	41%
18	46,2%
6	15,4%
0	0%
39	
	2 16 18 6 0

Effective responses : 39 Response rate : 90,7% Non-response(s) : 4

The most quoted modalities : Yes, in automatically generated reports; Yes but only manually; I do not know

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The good news.... Extent of ED digitisation:

101. Does your digital system record any of the following:

	Frequencies	% Resp.
Time and date patient registered	39	100%
Time of nursing triage	28	71,8%
Time emergency doctor begins their assessment	29	74,4%
Time emergency doctor completes their assessment	21	53,8%
Time (where necessary) patient is referred to another specialty or for admission	22	56,4%
Time (where necessary) patient is seen by another specialty or admitted	14	35,9%
Time of discharge	34	87,2%
Outcome of discharge (i.e. referred for admission, home with outpatient follow up, refer back to GP, etc)	26	66,7%
Please ALSO click here add any detail you think may be helfpul:	3	7,7%
Total	39	

Effective responses : 39 Response rate : 90,7% Non-response(s): 4

The most quoted modalities : Time and date patient registered; Time of discharge; Time emergency doctor begins their assessment



The good news.... Extent of ED digitisation:

103. Does your ED use decision support software?

	Frequencies	% Resp.
No.	21	53,8%
Sometimes. Students might have their own apps but we do not formally support this.	0	0%
Sometimes doctors might use decision support apps (like MDcalc) but they are not ED specific.	14	35,9%
Some doctors use their own ED-specific decision support programs.	5	12,8%
Yes. Our ED has licenses to some ED-specific support software but we don't often use them.	2	5,1%
Yes. Our ED has licenses to some ED-specific decision support software and we use it a lot.	0	0%
Sometimes: our management software does have some decision support algorithms connected/ within it.	1	2,6%
Yes. Our patient management software is contains / connects digitally to a fairly complete decision support software.	2	5,1%
I would like to comment	3	7,7%
Total	39	

Effective responses : 39 Response rate : 90,7% Non-response(s): 4

The most quoted modalities : No.; Sometimes doctors might use decision support apps (like MDcalc) but they are not ED specific.; Some doctors use their own ED-specific decision support programs.

Implications for:

- HIMSS adoption model level 6
- Integration of care standards accross Europe (i.e. EUSEM Sycope WG)



How is ED unique from other specialties?

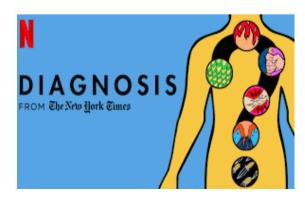
The axis of our practice.

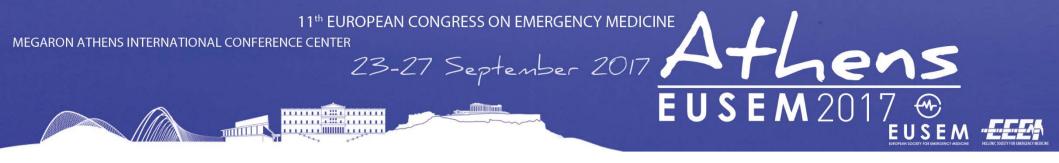


Taking a history

Taking (or receiving) histories is what most of us spend most of our professional life doing: it is worth doing it well. An accurate history is the biggest step in making the correct diagnosis. History-taking, examination, and treatment of a patient begin the moment one reaches the bedside. (The divisions imposed by our page titles are somewhat misleading.) Try to put the patient at ease: a good rapport may relieve distress on its own. It often helps to shake hands. Always introduce yourself. Check whether the patient is comfortable. Be conversational rather than interrogative in tone. General questions (age, occupation, marital status) help break the ice and help assess mental functions.

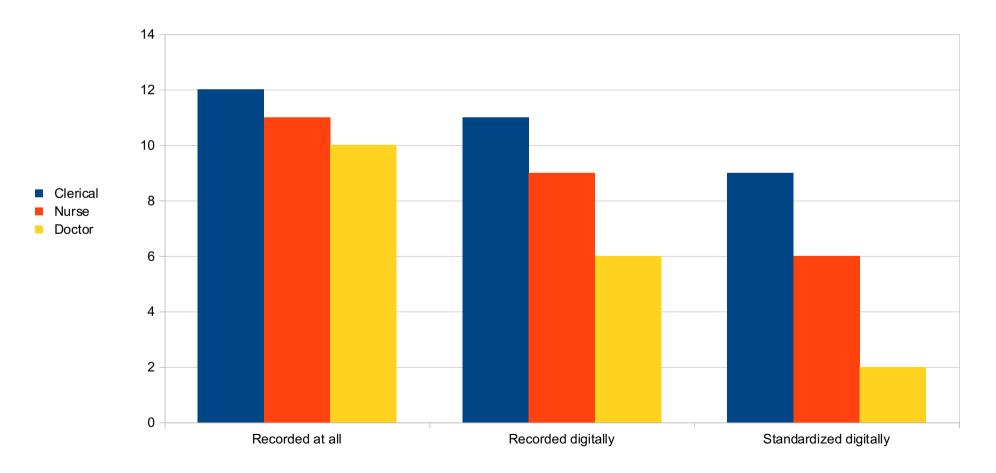
Presenting complaint (PC) 'What has been the trouble recently?' Record the patient's own words rather than, eg 'dyspnoea'.





Who records presenting presenting complaint and in what form?

How presenting complaint is recorded

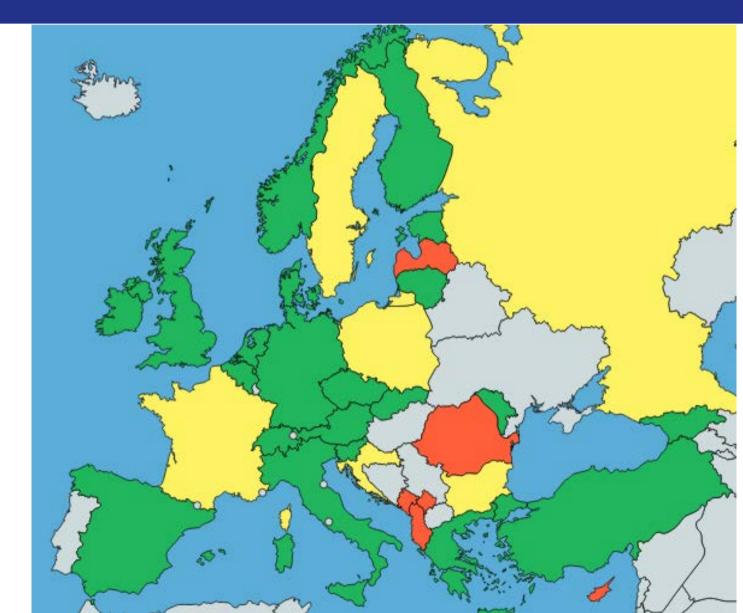


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Countries with SOME FORM of recording presenting complaint:: List (green) Freetext (yellow) Paper (red)



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71. Do you use an standard coding system for the patients complaint recorded at registration:

	Frequencies	% Resp.
ICD (International Classification of Diseases World Health Organisation)	16	43,2%
ICPC (International Classification of Primary Care, World Health Organisation)	0	0%
CEDIS (Canadian Emergency Department Information Systems)	1	2,7%
MTS (Manchester Triage System)	4	10,8%
Standard list created locally	8	21,6%
Other, specify	8	21,6%
Total	37	100%

Effective responses : 37 Response rate : 86%

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Non-response(s): 6
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The most quoted modalities : ICD (International Classification of Diseases World Health Organisation); Standard list created locally; Other, specify...

73. To your knowledge, would it be possible to extract data from this field (presenting complaint at registration) ?

Frequencies	% Resp.
6	15,8%
5	13,2%
22	57,9%
6	15,8%
2	5,3%
38	
	6 5 22 6 2

Effective responses : 38 Response rate : 88,4% Non-response(s) : 5

The most quoted modalities : Yes, in automatically generated reports; No; I do not know

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89. At the time of assessment, do doctors make a record of a patient's presenting complaint?

	Frequencies	% Resp.
No	2	5,1%
Yes, only on a paper record	5	12,8%
Yes, on a digital record, but in free text	20	51,3%
Yes, on a digital record, using a dropdown list created locally	6	15,4%
Yes on a digital record, a dropdown list, that is a copy or in some way derived from an international standard list such as ICD, ICPC, CEDIS, MTS	3	7,7%
Please ALSO clicik here to add any detail such as if they use one or more feilds and the type of international codes used such as ICD, ICPC, CEDIS, MTS	3	7,7%
Total	39	100%

Effective responses : 39 Non-response(s) : 4 Response rate : 90,7% The most quoted modalities : Yes, on a digital record, but in free text; Yes, on a digital record, using a dropdown list created locally; Yes, only on a paper record

93. To your knowledge, would it be possible to extract data from this field (presenting complaint as per doctor)?

		Frequencies	% Resp.					
No		3	8,1%		ICD-			54,8%
Yes, but only manually		19	51,4%					
Yes, in automatically gener	ated reports	15	40,5%		ICPC	-0,0%		
I do not know		2	5,4%		CEDIS	-0.0%		
Please ALSO click here add	detail you think might be helpful	0	0%		OEDI3	0,0%		
Total		37			MTS	-0,0%		
Effective responses : 37 Response rate : 86%	Non-response(s) : 6 The most quoted modalities : Ye	es, <mark>but only manu</mark>	ually; Yes, in a	tomatically generated reports; No	Standard list created locally-		25,8%	
					Other, specify	1	9,4%	

Person Centered Language ISSUE

2 Alleged Assault

3 Sports Injury
4 Fall
5 Collapse
6 III/ Not well generally
7 Unconscious
8 Cardiac Arrest
9 Brought in Dead
10 Self Harm
11 Needlestick Injury
12 Other Wounds

13 Review Requested by patient

14 Review Arranged by Doctor

Nursing Review 15 (Wound Management Clinic)

16 Nursing Review

17 Documentation request (Rx, sick note, incident)

18 Other Injury

19 Unable to assign

Person Centered Language COMPLAINTS

4 Cough 5 Cough with blood 6 Throat problem 7 Nosebleed 8 Ear problem 9 Eye problem

10 Teeth or gum problem

11 Vomiting

12 Vomiting blood

13 Nausea

14 Pain in abdomen

15 Diarrhoea

16 Constipation
17 Other stool or anal problem (incl. blood)
18 Yellow skin/jaundice
19 Urinary problem
20 Blood in urine
21 Genital problem in female
22 Pregnancy issue
23 Sexual assault
24 Genital problem in male

25 Problem with shoulder/ arm/wrist/hand Problem with hip/leg/ 26 knee/ankle/foot 27 Back pain 28 Neck pain 29 Head injury 30 Cuts/wounds 31 Foreign body 32 Burns and scalds 33 Rash 34 Bites and stings 35 Behaving strangely or Mental health issue 36 Apparently drunk 37 Overdose and poisoning Abnormal sugar 38 readings in person with diabetes 39 Problem in known cancer patient 40 Headache

41 Dizziness

42 Weakness (generalised)

43 Collapse

44 Convulsions/Seizure

45 Weakness of specific area (i.e. arm, face)

46 Fever

46 Speech disturbance

47 Abnormal result or reading

48 Unwell

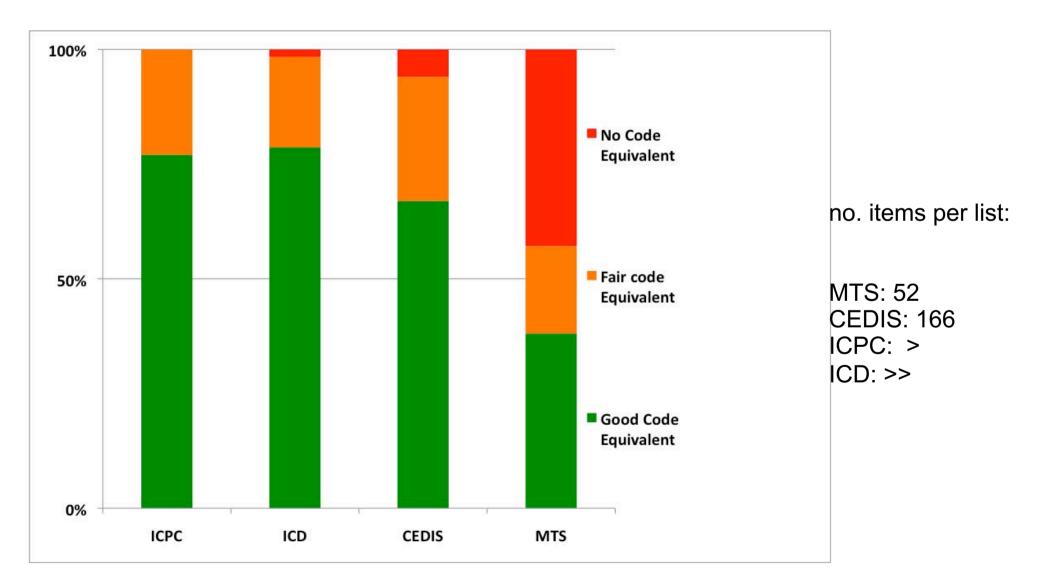
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Frequency analysis from

free text to PC >0.1%

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Clinical finding Environment or geogra	aphical location	Synonyms	Accident while engaged in sports activity (event)
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Accidental event		Active	1
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		CASE SIGNIFICANCE ID	9000000000448009 9000000000020002
 Accident while en 	g medical attention	CTV3ID	XUGqK
Accident while en	ngaged in sports gaged in work-rela	cui	C0337205
 Accidentally knoc Air crash 	ked down	DEFINITION STATUS ID	9000000000074008
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NACRS effective date: April 2018

Cardiovascular (001-050)

Code	Description
001	Cardiac arrest (non-traumatic)
002	Cardiac arrest (traumatic)
003	Chest pain — cardiac features
004	Chest pain — non-cardiac features
005	Palpitations/irregular heartbeat
006	Hypertension
007	General weakness
008	Syncope/pre-syncope
009	Edema, generalized
010	Leg swelling/edema
011	Cool pulseless limb
012	Unilateral reddened hot limb

"We would like to express our concerns regarding the use of CEDIS presenting complaint list.

To our opinion, this list is very long and complicated and, also based on the experience in our centre and some other sites in our country, we believe that this might lead to some miscoding. Especially since... chief complaints are often documented by clerical staff in Europe. ... Furthermore, CEDIS list already includes assumptions about underlying causes (non-cardiac vs cardiac chest pain) which are hardly distinguishable at admission and are also diagnoses are included (syncope).

On the other hand, also symptoms which should be better distinguished are assigned to the same code (cough/congestion)...."

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Which way forward?

EUSEM RC Pan-European database:

Local lists ->frequency analysis -> (SNOMED) -> Extract Transform Load (ETL) unique to each centre

(similar process for minimum dataset)

Opportunity for leadership?

Delphi --> EUSEM PC

Note: EBEEM core curriculum section 3.3

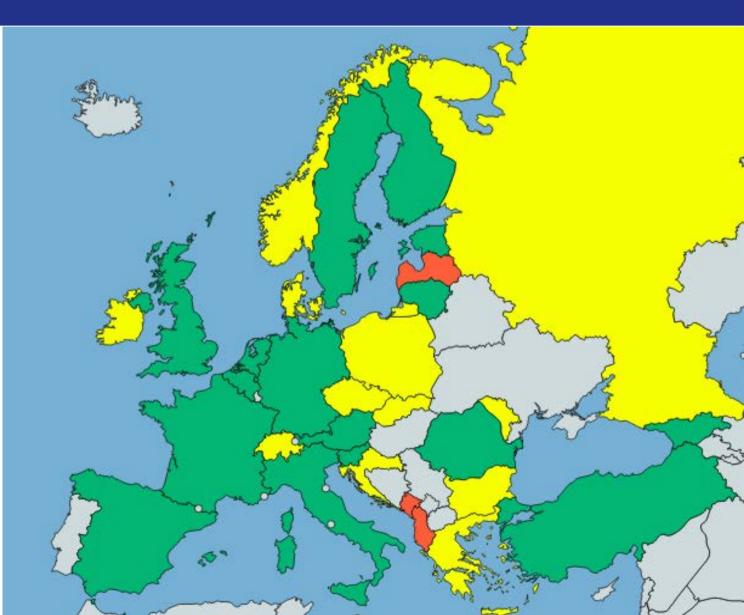
"This information is crucial for our discipline to move forward"

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SOME FORM Diagnosis recorded: digital list (green) free text (yellow) Paper (red)



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1) What are ED pts accross Europe presenting with?

(2) For each complaint, what are the predominant outcomes and diagnoses?

(the bad news)

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Category	%	duration of stay	Mean Age	Admission %	
Ill generally	66.9%	03:58	55	23%	
Fall	18.8%	02:46	57	10%	
Wounds	10.8%	02:28	51	4%	
Sports	2.1%	02:25	25	2%	
RTA	0.7%	02:51	41	7%	
Assault	0.5%	02:46	36	14%	
Needlestick	0.3%	01:45	43	0%	
Self harm	0.0%	04:13	31	0%	
	100.00%			18%	

Category	%	duration of stay	Mean Age	Admission %	Complaint 1	Complaint 2	Complaint 3
Ill generally	66.9%	03:58	55	23%			
Fall	18.8%	02:46	57	10%			
Wounds	10.8%	02:28	51	4%			
Sports	2.1%	02:25	25	2%	lower limb (45%)	upper limb (29%)	back pain (5%)
RTA	0.7%	02:51	41	7%	back pain (34%),	neck pain (27%)	upper limb (14%)
Assault	0.5%	02:46	36	14%	head injury (37%)	Non-specific (14%)	upper limb (12%)
Needlestick	0.3%	01:45	43	0%			
Self harm	0.0%	04:13	31	0%			



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Table 2. Primary sympton Symptom/Complaint	Frequency %	duration of	Mean Age	Admission %	Diagnosis 1	Diagnosis 2	Diagnosis 3
Symptom/Compiaint		ED stay	mean Age		Diagnosis I	Didy110515 Z	Diagnosis 5
abdo pain	15.9%	04:13:00	44	28%			- S
chest discomfort	12.7%	04:05:00	53	21%			
breathing difficulty	9.9%	04:43:00	65	44%			
urinary problem	5.1%	03:00:00	69	17%			
back pain	4.1%	03:36:00	52	3%			
vomitting	2.8%	04:55:00	51	44%			
collapse/convusion	1.7%	04:38:00	55	47%			
cough	1.5%	04:49:00	59	27%			
dizziness	1.4%	04:27:00	60	37%			
palpitations	1.3%	03:32:00	54	14%			
diarrhoea	1.3%	04:46:00	57	39%			
abnormal result	1.3%	04:04:00	64	41%			
headache	1.2%	03:54:00	42	18%			
weakness (generalised)	1.1%	04:55:00	69	51%			
anal problem	0.6%	03:21:00	41	14%			
fever	0.6%	05:23:00	45	47%		1	
blood in urine	0.4%	03:59:00	63	5%			
confusion	0.3%	05:14:00	79	84%		1	
constipation	0.3%	04:21:00	66	27%			
behaving strangely	0.2%	04:22:00	37	50%		1	
weakness (localised)	0.1%	04:08:00	62	50%		1	
speech disturbance	0.1%	04:56:00	60	100%		1	
apparently drunk	0.1%	03:21:00	45	0%			
unable to assign	15.8%	04:01:00	59	38%			
category inconsistency	20.4%	17 1833-07-1500-1574 B	Contraction and Contraction an	10000000			



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PC: CHEST PAIN disposistions	prevalence	age
T/F to other hospital CATH LAB	0.1%	
Admission for Inpatient CT	1.0%	
Admission to cardiology	0.6%	
Admission to general medical	22.0%	
D/C to outpatient cardiology Ix	2.2%	
D/C AMA	1.1%	
D/C physiotherapy R/v	0.8%	<45
D/C to outpatient Gastro Ix	0.3%	
D/C to outpatient medical r/v	0.8%	
D/C to outpatient surgical r/v	2.5%	
D/C to scheduled ED review	1.0%	
DNW	1.5%	
GP F/U	54.1%	
No F/U	12.6%	

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