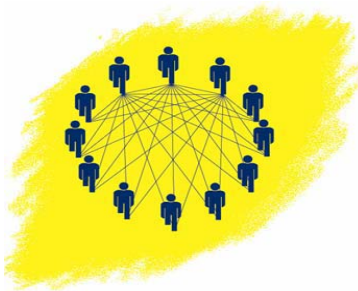




Useful links on patient safety and healthcare associated infections

1) EU funded and co-funded Projects



SIMPATIE:

Safety Improvement for Patients in Europe

SimPatIE

The SimPatIE project was among the successful proposals for co-financing in the call for proposals from the European Commission on 'Public Health – 2004' (OJ 2004/C52, 27 February 2004). The project started on 15 February 2005 and ran for two years.

The main objective of this project was to use Europe-wide networks of organisations, experts, professionals and other stakeholders to establish, within two years, a common European set of vocabulary, indicators, internal and external instruments for improvement of safety in healthcare.

The project was divided into eight work packages, each with specific objectives.

<http://www.simpatie.org>



EUNetPaS

The European Union Network for Patient Safety (EUNetPaS) was officially launched in Utrecht, the Netherlands on 28-29 February 2008. The thirty month project aims to establish an umbrella network of all 27 EU Member States and EU stakeholders to encourage and enhance collaboration in the field of



patient safety, and will run four vertical work packages on reporting and learning systems, the education and training of health professionals, medication safety and patient safety culture.

EUNetPaS will facilitate the exchange of information and establish common principles at the EU level through the integration of knowledge, experiences and expertise gathered from Member States and EU stakeholders. It will facilitate the development of patient safety programmes in Member States and provide support to those countries less advanced in the field. EUNetPaS will also contribute to the establishment of a European community of hospitals involved in patient safety.

<http://www.eunetpas.eu/>



Hospital in Europe Link for Infection Control through Surveillance

Phase I of the project aimed to lay the practical foundations for a European Network on hospital acquired infections by the creation and analysis of two databases (on surgical and intensive care unit (ICU) infections); developing consensus for prevalence surveys and surveillance of emerging infections in immuno-compromised patients; validating a European methodology to create evidence-based scientific advice, recommendations or standards; and setting up an inventory of training and fellowships on infection control.

Phase II of the project aimed to create a robust and validated surveillance system and establish reference data sets for surveillance of Surgical Site Infections (SSIs) and infections in ICUs. Data on SSIs and infections in ICUs were collected on a pilot basis and a database was established to collect regular data on these infections.

<http://helics.univ-lyon1.fr/helicshome.htm>



Improving Patient Safety in Europe

The IPSE project aimed to reduce the burden of healthcare associated infections and their related threats of antimicrobial resistance by providing evidence-based guidance and educational tools, strengthening the status of infection control professionals, strengthening surveillance and developing indicators.

<http://ipse.univ-lyon1.fr>



2) International and European Organisations

World Health Organisation (WHO) - World Alliance for Patient Safety

<http://www.who.int/patientsafety/en/>

Health First Europe

<http://www.healthfirsteurope.org>

European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases

<http://www.escmid.org>

Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

http://www.oecd.org/document/43/0,3343,en_2649_33929_37090539_1_1_1_1,00.html

Council of Europe

<https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?id=1005439&Site=COE&BackColorInternet=DBDCF2&BackColorIntranet=FDC864&BackColorLogged=FDC864>

RAND Europe

<http://www.rand.org/randeurope/research/health/>

3) Patient organisations

European Patients' Forum

<http://www.eu-patient.eu/>

4) EU information sources



Health-EU - Europe for Patients

The campaign **Europe for Patients** launched by Commissioner Vassiliou on 30 September 2008 incorporates 10 health care related policy initiatives. They share a common aim **better health care for all in Europe**. One of the policy initiatives is **patient safety**.

A webpage with news, events and media related to the Europe for Patients campaign is available in all EU languages.

http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/europe_for_patients/index_en.htm



The **Health-EU portal** promotes a wide range of information and data on health-related issues and activities at both European and international level. It intends to provide European citizens with easy access to comprehensive **information on Public Health initiatives and programmes at EU level.**

Health-EU - Patient Safety

http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/care_for_me/patient_safety/index_en.htm



The **Health-EU Newsletter** which complements the information on the Health-EU portal provides you twice monthly with a selection of the latest news and activities in the field of public health at both European and international level. **Issue 23 focuses on the Europe for Patients campaign.**

http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/newsletter/23/newsletter_en.htm



EU Public Health Website

Information on patient safety:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_systems/patient_safety_en.htm

Information on healthcare associated infections:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_threats/com/hcai_en.htm



The **European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control** is an EU agency whose mission is to identify, assess and communicate current and emerging threats to human health posed by infectious diseases. Specific information on healthcare associated infections can be found here:

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/Health_topics/HCAI/