

INTEGRATED HOMECARE – LOOKING FOR PARTNERS

HOPE, the European Hospital and Healthcare Federation, is looking for hospitals to join a project of Comparative effectiveness research in integrated homecare.

On 10 July 2012, the next FP7-Call will be published with deadline 2 October 2012. It will contain in a line HEALTH.2013.3.1-1: Comparative effectiveness research (CER) in health systems and health services interventions.

CER is a new approach to research in applied health care established as part of the Obama health care reform in the USA. As the field is new, there are so far very few results. CER differs from traditional health economic cost-effectiveness analysis (CEA) in that the main focus is on outcomes with often simplified cost calculations by a few activity-based cost units (ABC-costing).

Integrated care is explicit as a field of priority for CER. In 2012, a health technology assessment (HTA) of integrated homecare (IHC) has been published by the FP7-Homecare 222954 (website: www.integratedhomecare.eu).

The core of the approach is to select 12-15 European hospitals across Member States, which would commit themselves to implement the full Homecare-package for stroke, COPD and heart failure in pilot-projects with at least 75 intervention patients for each condition in each hospital region. The focus is on hospitals with 400-700 beds serving a local region of at least 200.000 inhabitants. Participating hospital would commit to monitor their results by the benchmarking system presented in the “HTA of IHC in EU” from Homecare1 in order to compare their baseline with the pilot-results and their pilot-results with best international practice. Hospital should have specialized service in all of the three selected conditions.

The selected hospitals will be compensated for their costs of intervention according to the number of patients completing the IHC-programme and a fee-per-patient in accordance with the Dutch trials on bundle-payment and the intervention costs calculated in the “HTA of IHC”. This may amount to a budgeted grant of 150-200.000€ per hospital.

Hospitals, which may be interested to join the CER-project, are asked to contact HOPE no later than 15 June 2012:
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