



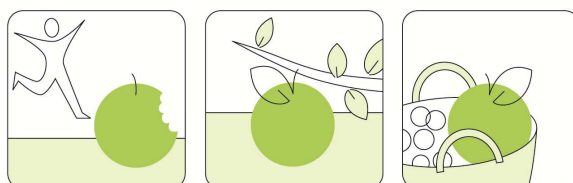
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## CARDIOVASCULAR PILOT

### Information from Cardiovascular (CV) registries

In CV registries the following information are collected:

- 1 Patient code (anonymous)
- 2 Hospital Code
- 3 Country
- 4 Age
- 5 Gender
- 6 Smoking
- 7 Hypertension
- 8 Dyslipaemia
- 9 Peripheral artery disease
- 10 Diabetes
- 11 Family History of CHD
- 12 Other CVD
- 13 Previous angina
- 14 Congestive heart failure
- 15 Previous revascularization
- 16 Previous CABG
- 17 Previous renal failure
- 18 Previous stroke
- 19 Time symptom-1st monitorization
- 20 Time symptom-revascularization
- 21 Ventricular fibrillation < 24h
- 22 Ventricular tachycardia < 24h
- 23 Atrio-ventricular blockade < 24h
- 24 Atrial fibrillation of flutter < 24h
- 25 Severe mitral valve dysfunction
- 26 Admission Killip class
- 27 Glycaemia mg/dl
- 28 Total cholesterol mg/dl
- 29 LDL cholesterol mg/dl
- 30 HDL cholesterol mg/dl
- 31 Triglycerides mg/dl
- 32 Hemoglobin mg/dl
- 33 Ventricular fibrillation >24h
- 34 Ventricular tachycardia >24h
- 35 Atrio-ventricular blockade >24h
- 36 Atrial fibrillation of flutter >24h
- 37 Killip class maximal > 24 h
- 38 Oral Beta Blockers. Discharge
- 39 Statins. Discharge
- 40 ACE Inhibitors. Discharge
- 41 Coronary angiography
- 42 Thrombolysis

43	Revascularization with primary angioplasty
45	Cardiac death 0-30 days
46	ReMI 0-30 days
47	Angina post infarction 0-30 days
48	Cardiac death 30 days-6 months
49	Readmission for ReMI 30 days-6 months
50	Angina / revascularization 30 days-6 months

### **Statistical analyses performed**

For each procedure (CABG, coronary angiography and coronary angioplasty) and selected outcome three types of multivariate models adjusting for sex, age, severity of myocardial infarction and comorbidity is fit: first including hospital as a fixed effect and comparing each hospital rate with the average rate and second adding to the former the variable "hospital" as a random effect but extending the model with characteristics at the hospital level (i.e. number of beds, catheter laboratory existence, etc.) as fixed effects. Eventually models further extended with country characteristics also as fixed effects are considered.

The former models allow benchmarking hospitals regardless of their characteristics. The second approach allows to benchmark hospitals taking into account their characteristics. The third approach permits also to take into account the country characteristics if they are found to be relevant to outcome. Potential confounders at Individual and Hospital level (and eventually at country level) can be determined with a multilevel general multiple linear regression model.

Several models can be fit with increasing complexity in the number of variables, in such a way that all the country administrative discharge data can be used regardless of their completeness for benchmarking hospitals (and eventually countries).

Analysis can be done fitting a logistic model in a Bayes methodology. For random effect (i.e. hospital) residuals can be obtained where a positive value means an excess risk, and, conversely with a negative value. The 95% credibility interval is calculated for each estimate.

## ORTHOPAEDIC PILOT

### Information from Arthroplasty registries (shortened questionnaire)

In the current Arthroplasty registries the following variables are collected:

#### Basic Data

Country, Name of the Register, Address, e-mail address, website, Contact person

#### Legal Status

Society, Project of Public health Institutions, Foundation, Research Project

#### Staff

Head, Supervisory Board, Medical staff, Statistician, Administrative Staff, IT-Staff, Other relevant staff or boards

#### History of the Register

First outcome related Register in the country started

Initiative started for present Register: (year, which)

Decision to set up the register (year, who):

Start of the Pilot project

Start of the National Data collection

Receive > 75% compliance

Receive > 90% compliance

Validation process started (year):

Strategy for Validation used

Sources of information used for validation

Validation published (year, title)

First publication of the Register in a peer reviewed journal (year, title, journal)

First annual Report (specify year, title, on line availability if any)

Start feedback mechanisms to partners (year)

Initial funding

Later funding

Start present funding

#### Inhouse / Outsource

Activities done by the core team in the Register itself, activities outsourced and to whom

- Data collection
- Databank basic
- Databank adjustment
- Statistical evaluations
- Printing
- Validation

#### Data collection

##### Basic philosophy

- Outcome research related
- Not outcome research related

Main goal of the Register

Initial data collection

Follow up/Reference data collection

### Physical location of the databank

- Network
- Online-server
- Offline server
- Not connected workstation

### Software and Hardware used

IT - Data security at the server (firewalls):

Data security backup

Access to data (persons, PIN-restricted)

### Processing of information collected

- Paper forms
- Fax
- Informatic support (Floppy, CD)
- Online
- Others

### Data collection in Hospitals

- Information collected redundant (= Paper forms filled by the surgeon even the information is already available in the inhouse IT system)
- Excerpt from an existing dataset (= automatic excerpt from information collected for other purposes in the hospital IT system)
- Mixed data collection (= automatic excerpt from information collected for the Register in the hospital IT system)

### Proposed time for data collection

- Hospitalisation
- Before surgery
- After surgery
- Discharge
- After discharge
- Clinical control/FUP examination
- Questionnaires to patients periodically sent

Data collection procedures at starting point (in general):

- By surgeon at the operating room
- Review of the medical history at discharge
- By nurses

Data collection procedures at Follow up (in general):

- By surgeon at the controls
- Retrospective Review of the medical history
- By nurses

Plausibility checks at documentation: Which, Where

### Connection to other databanks/data sources

Discharge Register

Inhabitants Register /Deceased persons:

Economical data

Others



### Legal status of the data collection

- Patient consent mandatory
- Permission by law
- Official project of a public institution under special conditions concerning data collection

### Participation to the Register

- Mandatory
- Voluntary

Actions to support participation

Owner of the data

### **Validation**

Number of departments performing Arthroplasty

Number of Departments in cooperation with the Register

% of Departments included

% of Market covered (Number of Cases)

% of cases/implants/patients collected at the Register database referring to the total number in the area in the previous year (Report)

% of clinicians reporting to the Register / total number of physicians performing Arthroplasty

### Validation procedures of the Register

- Routine
- Publications

### **Implant tracking**

Implant Databank

Connection to the Register Databank:

### Information collected

- Implant name
- Article number
- Lot-Number
- Implant specifications

Size

Maintenance

Organisation and Management of the Implant databank

### **Access of Stakeholders to not published datasets**

#### Public Health Institutions

- Ministry of Health
- Regional Public Health Institutions
- Public Health Insurances:
- Private Health Insurances
- Manufacturers
- Patients

#### Physicians

- Own Department
- For Revisions
- All data

#### Others

## Extraordinary Reports on Demand

### **Implants**

Since, Nr/year, Total:

- Hip
  - Total
  - Partial
- Knee
- Monocondylar
- Ankle
- Shoulder
- Elbow
- Toe
- Wrist
- Finger

### **Evaluations**

Definition of Revision (Endpoint)

Indicators calculated

Statistical methods

Additional clinical forms

### **Documentation of Revisions (more than one reason)**

- Multiple Choice (equal)
- Algorithm how to select the main reason
- Main reason defined by the surgeon/centre

How

### **Strategy of Analyses**

Who is defining the Strategy of Analyses

Who is performing the analyses

Statistical methods

### **Review process and Reporting**

Preparation of the first Report (persons, time frame, access to information)

Review processes before establishing the final Annual Report

### **Preparation of the department Report**

- Review process by the core team
- Automatic generation

### **Data Publication**

Annual report (in English, yes or no)

Scientific Publications (Literature list, www-address where available)

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### **Impact and external Auditing**

Impact of the Register for the Sponsors, Public Health, Physicians, Patients

Quality control activities / feedback

Regular meetings

External auditing

### **Parameters**

Main parameter (main target)  
Main indicator evaluated  
Parameters included in the departments report  
Structure of the departments report

Present data collection forms

How and who conceived

Modifications of the forms

Which additional parameters, When, Why  
Additional benefit  
Quitted Parameters: When, Why, Retrospective view

Present and Historical Forms

**Budget**

Global Budget  
Covered by  
Expenses  
Personnel  
Travel and accommodation  
IT  
Outsource service

Historical reports