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TLM in France

- **Legal framework** and TLM act(s)
- Context :Prime Minister **Recos & existing projects**
- French National **Health Strategy** and TLM
- National **TLM deployment strategy**
- **Challenges and priorities**
- **National Experimentation framework & principles**
- ... where are we today

Telemedicine in FRANCE

from projects to legal framework

- 2004 Law n°2004-810 on SS reform
 - TLM is part of the teleHealth or eHealth
- 2009 Law HPST n° 2009-879 (21/07/2009)
 - Telemedicine definition art 78 (L 6314-1 CSP)
- 2010 **Decree n ° 2010-1229 19/10/2010**
- 2013 Law LFSS n° 2013-1203 (23/12/2013)
- 2014 « instruction » 10/06/2014
 - Based on Art 29 & 36 LFSS : selected regions

Law 2009 -879 21/07/2014

- Telemedicine definition
 - Kind of medicine practice using ICT
 - To Link together several HPs, and/or (with) a patient
 - At least one HP is a medical professional, the others are patient caregivers; medical assistants

TLM 2009.. Definition & aim

- To establish a diagnosis
- To ensure for patient at risk, a preventive check or a post therapeutic follow-up
- To require a specialised view/advice
- To prescribe medicinal products
- To prepare a diagnosis decision
- To realise medical acts
- To screen the patient status

Concrete definitions and usage

- Definition of telemedicine acts
 - Implementation conditions and prerequisites
 - Financial issues
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- Depending on territorial needs in terms of
 - Healthcare coverage
 - Geographical position
 - Based on results of experimentations

Decree n ° 2010-1229 19/10/2010

- TLM : medical acts (L 6316-1) realised at distance by using ITC tools
- TLM act is always realised under the responsibility of an authorised & profesional insured medical professional
- 4+1 TLM acts

TLM conditions

- HP & HC organisations must ensure required competences and skills exist to use the TLM system
- TLM act realisation conditions
 - HP authentication
 - Patient Identification
 - Information and K. to use the TLM system by patient
 - Storage in the patient dossier : date , time, HP ID, report on TLM act, prescriptions (acts & drugs), technical difficulties if any
- TLM activity is part of the Q & coordination contract

TELE CONSULTATION

- Allow a medical professional to give an encounter distance
 - One (or more) HP
 - could be in presence of the patient
 - Could assist the medical professional during the teleconsultation

TELE EXPERTISE

- Allow a medical professional
to require at distance a « say », an advice, the view
from one or several medical professionals,
based on transmitted medical patient information

Medical TELE SURVEILLANCE

- To allow a medical professional (MP) to interpret at distance the medical data needed

for the patient care follow up

for medical decision making

Collect and sending of data done by
patient or MP

Medical TELE ASSISTANCE

- A medical professional assists at distance another health professional in realising a medical act

12/2011 : Prime minister CAS Reco

- Need for **care organisation evolution, HP cooperation, efforts on tele-health development**
- Issues to be tackled

DP, responsibility sharing, technical IOP

1. design & publish **guidelines** gathering protocols & agreements for TLM in concertation with medical competent authorities and HPs
2. Overcome financial barriers by designing & clarifying the « **business model** » for TLM, in concertation with patients

French TLM strategy

- SNS : National Health Strategy
 - TLM : programme « 25 »
‘develop TLM and tele-health’
 - Aim
 - enhance patient access to H, in particular in isolated areas, avoid HP « isolation »
 - Patient centered
- Optimise care access, maintaining equity and QoCare, enhancing Q of life and patient safety

From SNS to TLM strategy... aim

- For HPs
 - Securisation & enhancement of medical practices
 - Cooperation and best practices sharing
- For public services
 - decreasing the hospital stay duration, unnecessary transportation
 - focusing on chronic diseases, elderly, social care, prisoners

12/2012 TLM reality

- **331 projects** over 50% operational
- 96% with hospitals (53% only hospitals)
- 78% teleexpertise (65%) and/or teleconsult.(49%)
- Conclusion : **TLM to be developed and deployed outside the hospitals (primary care, social care)**

National TLM deployment strategy

- Process, facilitating measures and material :
 - Public tenders for pilots selection
 - Published requirements and prerequisites
 - Guidelines for regional prog, contracts & agreements
 - Reco on technical deployment
 - Published analysis of responsibility and liability
 - TLM activities & projects observatory
 - FIR budget through regions (ARS)
 - Accompanying measures for regional pilots selected

Identified challenges and priorities

- **3 national Priorities :**

stroke, images (PACS 24/24), HC for prisoners

- Used the TNS program (Digital Care Territory) facilities as major risks financing & strategic (not technical)

- **9 selected regions** (spring 2012) and nb projects

- **Challenges**

- No adapted payment system

- Lack of coordination between primary care, hospital and social care

Experimentations based on LSS 2013 art 29 & 36

- **3 axis**
 - TLM observatory
 - Accompanying measures on selected pilots
 - **Experimental financial instruments**
exception of normal legal rules :
simplification, studies before creation of
new reimbursement codes/acts in SS
nomenclature

Pilots experimentation principles

- 4 years
- Based on published national requirements
- Focus on primary & social care, elderly
- Pricing exception(s), direct invoice modalities
- Contracts & agreements through ARS
- Involvement of all actors including CNAMTS
- Evaluation : HAS

On going National experimentation & results

- Governance : a unique SB on top of each axis one
- ARS check, proposal, follow up ; HAS validation
- Patient consent, HPs, HCPs Responsibility and liability based on published document
- End of 2014 : costs study +

First publicly available results on the observatory

- Ultimate Goal

Sustainability of TLM organisation(s) deployed at present in experimental phase

Thank you for your time

- Think globally
- Act locally

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