

# WONCA Europe Council Meeting Lisbon 2014

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## Agenda Topic Template

**AGENDA TOPIC: Electronic Health Records in Romania**

**SUBMITTER: Romanian National Society of Family Medicine – Dr. Rodica Tanasescu**

**Type of Item (Bold/Underline the Type):** Information Discussion Motion

### INTRODUCTION:

Family doctors in Romania and their patients are faced with the introduction of a compulsory centralised web-based Electronic Health Record system from April 2014. The IT project is implemented by the National Health Insurance House with funding from the European Commission (18 million Euro). The Romanian National Society of Family Medicine is open to any IT system which will improve the provision of care and will cut down costs, but not at the expense of the security of health data of patients and a new bureaucratic burden for family doctors. Over the past year we have expressed concern and asked for a public debate on the introduction of the national EHR system to the NHIH. Despite our efforts, the NHIH has chosen to launch the new system without any announcement or consent from patients or doctors on April 7<sup>th</sup>. After the usual automatic update of the practice software provided free by the NHIH (that 40% of FDs use, while another 60% use private paid software which will after June 1<sup>st</sup> be forced by the NHIH to implement the update), health data began to be sent automatically on the EHR server. Each diagnosis, prescription or referral is uploaded to the server without patient or doctor consent. Sadly the patient rights organisations had no official reaction to this situation. We decided for the time being to also refrain from an official reaction as already there are comments from the NHIH that the new system will prevent fraud and doctors will be against it!

### RECOMMENDATION/CONCLUSION:

We would like to know what is the experience of other WONCA Europe member organisations with EHR systems and any advice would be appreciated on how to handle this situation.

### ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/WEB LINKS:

The web portal of the new EHR system: <http://www.des-cnas.ro/pub/>

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