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NEWSLETTER




Holistic Empowerment of Citizens to Become Experts in Their Own Health

SMART PATIENTS

Being a smart patient has to be learned. The corresponding educational process on which our project is based is empowerment. To this end, it requires a holistic approach that includes, as the WHO definition states, aspects not only from medicine, but also from sociology and psychology. The partnership of the "Smart Patients" project comprises an interdisciplinary team of medical, social and adult education experts, who are keen to meet the requirements of the patients. Smart patients understand their own contribution to recovery as a necessary complement, rather than competition with the achievements of medicine. They also want to lead a life that prevents them becoming a patient. They understand that health cannot be maintained only by medical intervention, but depends also on lifestyle as well as on social and environmental factors.



THE GOALS OF THE SMART PATIENTS

PROJECT

The goal of the "Smart Patients" project is to empower citizens to develop self-confidence and patients' competence in interaction with medical experts, to support them in preventing disease and detecting health issues at an early stage and to understand their own contribution to recovery as a necessary complement, rather than compete with the achievements of medicine. The results of the project are internet and mobile application, basic tools with recommendations, tips and guidelines for preventive care, empowerment and participation in the process of healing and accepting a new life perspective.



EU HEALTH STRATEGY

One of the main EU Health Strategy objective includes „empowering citizens – putting patients at the heart of the system and encouraging them to be involved in managing their own healthcare needs“. Preventive care should therefore not be left alone to doctors and hospitals, also the individual must be empowered and become a „smart patient“. A "smart patient" is someone who takes an active role in his or her health; whereby we follow the definition of the World Health Organisation (WHO) from 1948: "Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity."





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PREVENT

This module helps you to improve your own health and to motivate you to acquire healthier lifestyle.

- 1 Work life balance
- 2 Nutrition
- 3 Physical activity
- 4 Sexual life



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EMPOWER

This module is giving tips to empower yourself in communication with medical experts, improve patient skills and your knowledge in situation when you have some symptoms and need professional help.

- 1 Understand your role
- 2 Patient skills
- 3 Know your rights
- 4 Cultural awareness



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PARTICIPATE

When you face the situation that disease and impairment of the health is inevitable and chronic condition, this module helps you to participate in treatment and healing process.

- 1 Building relationship
- 2 Reactions to illness
- 3 Recovery – healing
- 4 New perspective



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