

eHealth Network

Guideline on

ePrescription and eDispensation of Authorised Medicinal Products

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The eHealth Network guidelines on "ePrescription and eDispensation of Authorised Medicinal Products" are one fine example on how the eHealth Network interoperability efforts shape the way on how health data exchange takes place around EU. This is the case of cross-border exchange of ePrescription and eDispensation documents (in MyHealth@EU, a.k.a. eHDSI) as well as other projects at European or national level that leverage working solutions on top of these guidelines.

Since the release 2 of the eHealth Network ePrescription guidelines (2016), significant evolutions took place. MyHealth@EU services entered in real world operation and ISO IDMP standards have evolved. The release 3, adopted by eHealth Network in June 2022, address some of the limitations faced during real world operation of cross-border ePrescriptions exchange and strengthen semantic interoperability of electronic prescriptions. Main improvements in the new version:

- Change in the name of the guidelines reflecting the scope of prescription and dispensation
- Introduction of Preferred Code systems acknowledging that ISO IDMP implementation is still ongoing and not yet complete
- Removing project specific guidelines to allow for a wider use of the guidelines within the future EHDS

This revision allows for the continuity of the implementation of MyHealth@EU services while setting the scope for future expansion of detail and semantic interoperability. The aim is to revise the guideline again in 2-3 years' time, once the ISO IDMP implementation is more complete and acknowledged.

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