

## The future potential of electronic product information (ePI)

**What?** Inspired by a project carried out in Belgium and Luxembourg evaluating the effectiveness of the electronic patient information leaflet and the key principles created by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and the Heads of Medicines Agencies (HMA), the European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP) conducted a survey on the use of electronic product information (ePI) in European hospitals.

**Which purpose and when?** The survey was designed to analyse the use of (electronic) patient leaflets and the future potential of ePI and targeted hospital pharmacists. Data were collected in March and April 2021

**Who?** This EAHP project was carried out in cooperation with representatives of the pharmaceutical industry's Inter-Association Task Force (IATF) composed of Efpia (European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations), Medicines for Europe and AESGP (Association of the European Self-Care Industry).

534 hospital pharmacists



36 countries

### Results

**78%** indicated that digital product information is already used in their hospital/country

Digital format of the product information is used by  
**93%** of hospital pharmacists | **71%** of physicians | **43%** of nurses

Faster and easier access for healthcare professionals through ePI supported by **91%**

**61%** see the potential of digital product information facilitating the access of patients in the hospital setting to product information

**55%** of the responding hospital pharmacists point out that patients don't receive the package leaflet and **21%** indicate that they orally share some specific information from the package leaflet with patients

Implementation of ePI in daily practice should take into account the **current inadequate IT infrastructure in hospitals** as well as the very **different preconditions for technical equipment in hospitals**

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