



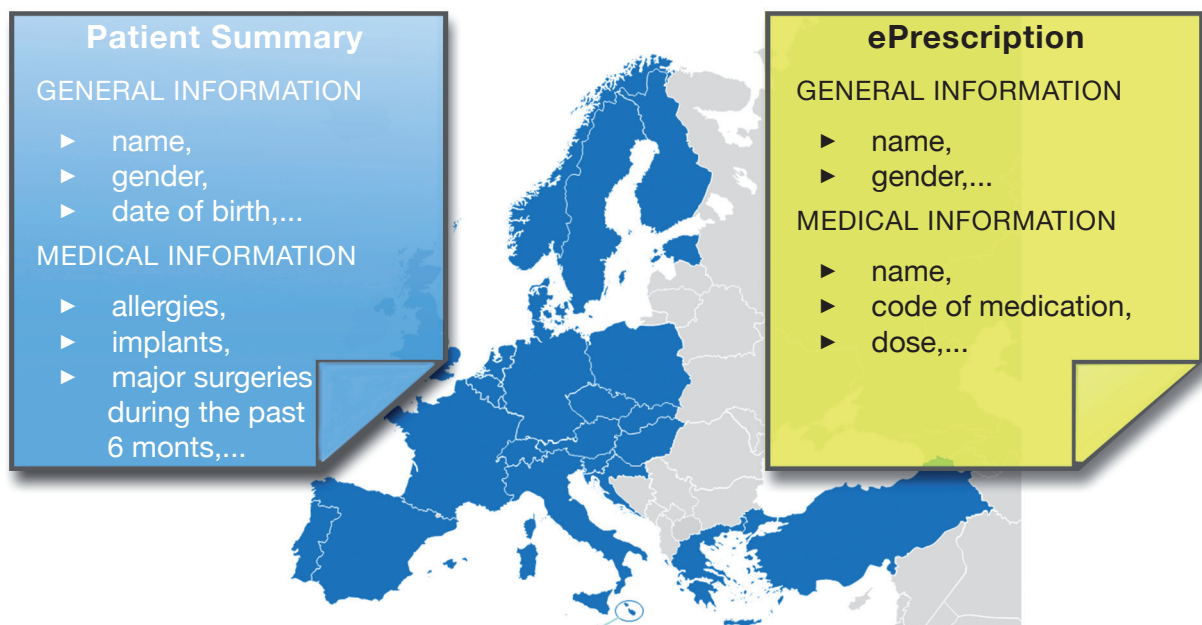
Safe access to medical data abroad: The epSOS Services

When we travel abroad as tourists, business travellers, exchange students or regular cross-border commuters, we rarely think about healthcare. Even less we worry about how the relevant medical information travels with us. Different languages, health systems and IT infrastructures are barriers to a sound provision of healthcare as we have been used to in our home country. The aim of epSOS is to bridge these gaps in healthcare provision!

epSOS is a European project that facilitates secure cross border exchange of patient data. This is done for example by communicating the necessary patient data to the treating doctor or automatic translation of relevant electronic data. **Of course data will be processed in a secure way and only with the consent of the patient!**

At the moment the following services are provided by epSOS:

- ▶ **Patient Summary**, which provides the treating doctor with general information (e.g. name and gender) and the most important medical data about the patient (e.g. allergies and surgeries).
- ▶ Cross-border use of **electronic prescription services** (“ePrescription” or “eMedication”) based on electronic prescriptions that hold general information on the patient and information on the prescribed medication.



Your steps

at home

- 1 consult an epSOS healthcare provider
- 2 read the epSOS form
- 3 eventually sign the epSOS form (in specific countries)

abroad

- 1 consult an epSOS healthcare provider
- 2 agree to the usage of your epSOS data

In the extended project phase the epSOS project team currently consolidates, scales up and operationalizes the epSOS Services for ID management, security, semantics and standards. Additional epSOS services like access of patients to their data or the Medication Related Overview (MRO) are analyzed and will be tested if feasible.

Notes:

- ▶ ePrescriptions dispensed through epSOS Services are today not automatically eligible for reimbursement processes.
- ▶ Be aware that there are some exceptions such as e.g. narcotics which are out of the epSOS Services scope and therefore cannot be dispensed.
- ▶ If a prescribed medical product is not available in the country you are visiting, your attending pharmacist may, depending on the circumstances, dispense a different brand or package size of a comparable and appropriate product.
- ▶ Note that pharmacists have the professional right to deny dispensation in case of doubts regarding authenticity of the prescription.



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