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A. Involving health professionals and patients

- Where are the patients?
- Successful projects involve clinicians early
- Acceptance of all involved essential
- Health 2.0 about health literacy, not tech
- Success comes step-by-step
- A lot of good examples to learn from

Joan Dzenowagis: Health 2.0: When 2 Worlds Collide

- No longer about tech and access to information
- Hierarchies now becoming networks
- Connectedness = power
- Concept of expert authority has changed
- Information literacy now part of health literacy
- Web 2.0 about people
- How to guide people/regulate/sign-post online worlds?
- Your private data is out there publically available
- E-Health itself a risk – Internet #7 risk to children

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Centralised vs. Decentralised eHealth Solutions

- Certification has important role to play
- Privacy enhancing technologies have a big role to play.
- EHR approaches have strong link to societies in which they are developed.
- Finland is developing a national eArchive repository after having spent 10+ years implementing local EHR systems.
- Italy is developing concept of a virtual EHR – leaving records in situ in local systems.

Frederik Linden, epSOS pilot project: Interoperability challenges of Patient Summaries and ePrescriptions

- Use what exists – build on existing infrastructure
- Moving from strategies to services
- It is not a technical project – legal, semantic
- 12 members so far – more want to join
- Must have practical pilots to join
- 8 months in – defined esummary, chosen pilot sites
- Patient summary and eprescription focus
- Dissemination CALLIOPE

- Eprescription in 5 countries by 2008 and 10 by 2010.
- Patient summary in 2 countries by 2008 and 8 by 2010.
- epSOS pushes whole ehealth to more structured and coded data – a big win.
- Questions still to be answered:
 - Should the patient be able to access own summary?
 - How to access in emergency?
 - Should it be completely visible to HCP in country B or just parts?

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