



Collaborating for Digital Health and Care in Europe

PITCH: Towards a European Trust Architecture Re-use enablers and broad consent

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„Fit for EHDS“ / EHDS Data flows and enabling factors / consent

Real World Data



- Wellness/ Monitoring Data
- Primary Care Data
- Specialist and Hospital Data
- Disease and Population Registries

Data Features/Quality



- Free Text
- Structured and coded data
- Controlled Natural language

Data altruism / Consent



- Consent limited to indiv. treatment
- C. limited to predefined research
- Broad Consent
- Unlimited Data Donation

EHDS Enablers

• Data Transport Enablers

- National EHR
- Regional HIE
- Local Data Integration Centres

• Data IOp Enablers

- EHR Architecture
- Syntax and APIs
- Coding / Nomenclature
- National Language Processing

• Legal/Policy Enablers

- GDPR
- Patient Rights/Ownership
- Legislation Sec. Data Use incl. Data Donation

• Governance Enablers

- FAIR Data Governances
- Health Data-Ecosystems



• EU-wide **Secondary** Data Use

- Clinical Research
- Innovation
- Public Health Reporting / Planning
- Pharmacovigilance
- Big Data
- AI / Machine learning



• MyHealth@EU

Cross-border **Primary** Data use

- Cross-border ePrescriptions
- Cross-border Medication History
- Cross-Border Patient Summary
- Cross-Border Discharge, Lab, Images

EHDS: GDPR conformant data lakes and Consent Management

Developing and implementing GDPR conformant data lakes

- Joining forces by Member States and healthcare providers.
- Address fragmentation of governance models for accessing data and digital health services.

Consent Management

- No use without consent
- Ethical guidance
- Consent can be withdrawn (implementation of withdrawal)

Based on Communication 2020(66) “A European Strategy on Data” – Annex 4: Citizens also need to be reassured that, once they have given **consent** for their data to be shared, the healthcare systems uses such data in an ethical manner and ensure that the **given consent can be withdrawn at any time**.

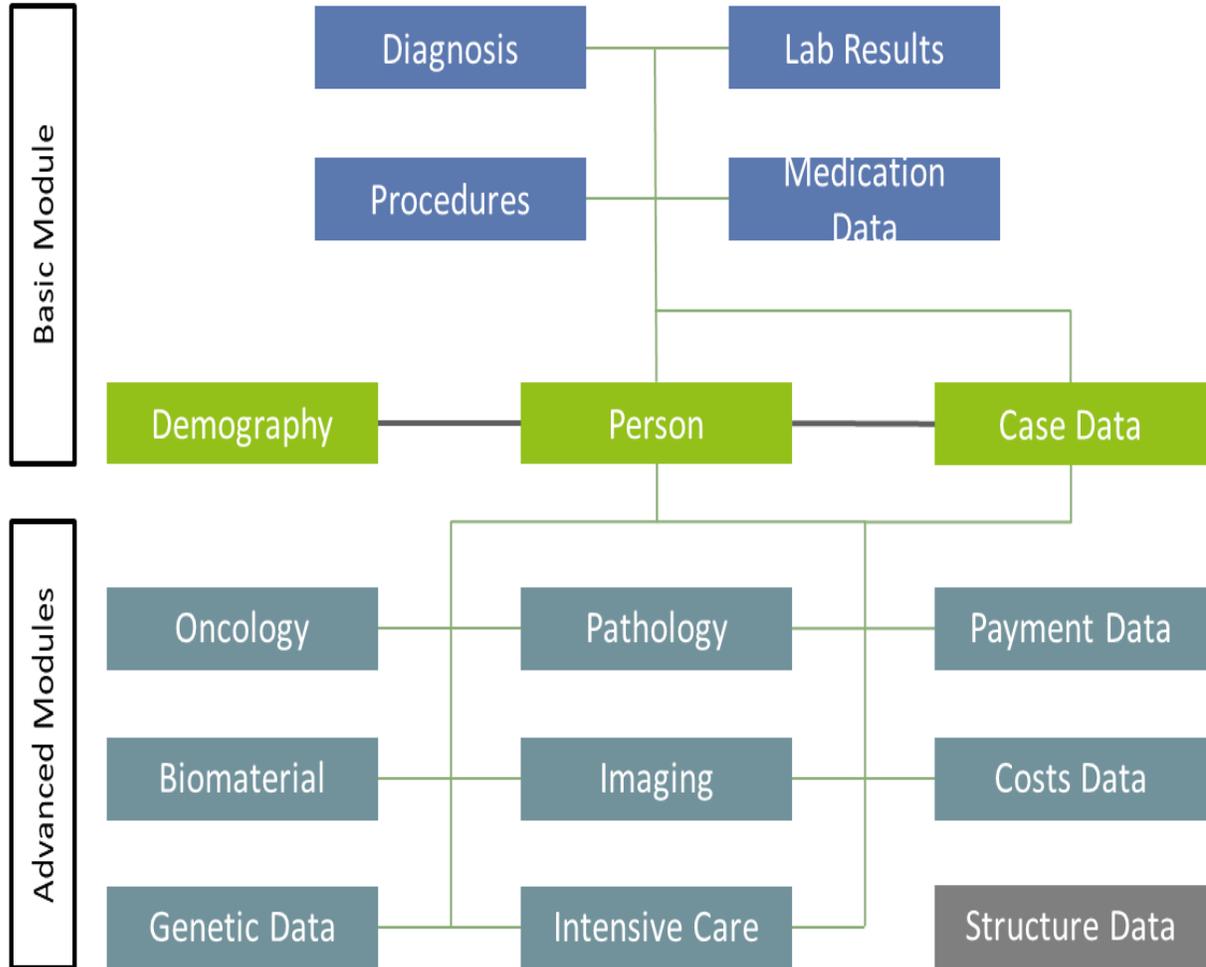
Understanding of „Broad Consent“ by Article 29 Working Party

- “...the GDPR cannot be interpreted to allow for a controller to navigate around the key principle of specifying purposes for which consent of the data subject is asked. ...
- When research purposes cannot be fully specified, a controller must seek other ways to ensure the essence of the consent requirements are served best, for example, to allow data subjects to consent for a research purpose in more general terms and for specific stages of a research project that are already known to take place at the outset. *As the research advances, consent for subsequent steps in the project can be obtained before that next stage begins.*”

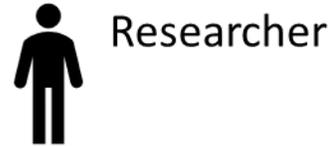
Article 29 Working Party “Guidelines on consent under Regulation 2016/679”
Adopted on 28 November 2017, as last Revised and Adopted on 10 April 2018.

Use Case: DE Medical Informatics Init.: Access to Data

Core Data Set



- ▶ Formal Check
- ▶ Distribute Proposal
- ▶ Contracts Use & Access
- ▶ Project registration



Application
Data request

U&A Handling
(request broker)

- ▶ Select & Package Data
- ▶ Archive Data Package
- ▶ Provide Data
- ▶ UAC

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Medical Informatics Initiative **Template for Broad consent**



Scope

- **Not all future research goals are known at the time the data are captured.**
- Describe potential future use of data for research and healthcare in very general terms when a patient/participant declares consent (**broad consent**).

Achievements

- **Uniform template text agreed** by relevant actors, such as the Biobanks Working Group of the Medical Ethics Committee and the Data Protection Working Group of the TMF.
- **The Conference of Independent Data Protection Commissioners of the Federal Government and the German federal states approved template text 15 April 2020.**
- An English translation of the template text and the patient handbook is currently being implemented and will be available in the coming weeks (was announced for early May)

Source: <https://www.medizininformatik-initiative.de/en/template-text-patient-consent-forms>

Tool: IHE Advanced Patient Privacy Consents (APPC)

- The APPC Profile defines a structural representation of a patient-specific Privacy Policy, based on the patient's choices or other circumstances.
- The Privacy Consent Document is designed to allow an unspecified enforcement mechanism, potentially within an existing access control system, to use the **structured policy representation** contained within the consent document to **automatically determine and enforce those policies**.
- Patient Privacy Policy Domains give patients choices that are more granular by creating access rules that add constraints on top of an underlying Patient Privacy Policy.
 - *A patient may not want to give all physicians access to her/his clinical documents and may therefore limit the Patient Privacy Policies to only apply to a specific healthcare provider organization or to a specific episode of care.