From Theory to Reality Health Data Management in a Complex System

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Resume



With the recent promulgation of the General Data Protection Regulations (DGPS), data management is becoming a crucial strategic issue in organizations. The quality of data dissemination is of utmost importance in the healthcare environment. Indeed, medical confidentiality is closely linked to the dissemination of personal information inherent in the patient's record.

Yet, how can a complex system, composed of multiple multidisciplinary actors (medical, paramedical, administrative, etc.), deal with the potential disclosure of personal data? What steps can be taken to manage this risk? How to ensure legal compliance with medical confidentiality, while ensuring the interoperability of professionals and the quality of care?

To answer these questions, a case study was conducted in the Multidisciplinary Care House of Mimizan (France, Landes, New Aquitaine Region). The goal was to investigate the importance of data management for traceability of care. This medical organization is composed of medical and paramedical professionals, but also a relatively large administrative team for such an institution. Nevertheless, it manages to set up, at the initiative of the professionals, both flexible and structured processes, allowing optimal follow-up of patients, while guaranteeing respect for their personal information.

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Study case: Multiprofessional Care House of Mimizan (MCHM) – one of the biggest and most dynamic MCH in France

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Health Records Management in the MCHM

- 30 people involved in daily operations of the MCHM, subjected to the institution's collective agreement
- Medical database software (Weda), used by surrounding external collaborators
- Different levels of accreditation for patients' data access

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Study's goals

 Identify the organizational model and rules implemented by the MCHM's team = qualitative approach (observations and focus groups)

 Investigate the daily work practices and confront point of views

 Investigate data management policy (interviews) and professional uses of patients' health records

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Informational lean management for no unnecessary information

- Performance thanks to very low entropy
- Hierarchy in information management
- 0 useless information

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Leadership: team, quality and performance management

- Cooperation and trust: key resources for the management of complex systems
- Clear commitment of each member of the group

V – General Lack of use of the National Digital Health Record

"It is not designed for medical practice. In case of emergency, it becomes counterproductive": "raw" data instead of "valued" data

Need for a info-ethical approaches or "information lean": for the DMP to be relevant, it is essential that it be analysed, organized and structured in valuable data sets

Need for a co-producted innovation, in a spirit of active interdisciplinary collaboration

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What about risk assessment?

Impact of emotional intelligence for management quality

Larger scale of investigation to compare and generalize the results

Thank you for your consideration

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