

Report on the  
**Third PATH International Conference "Closing the gap between measurement and  
quality improvement", Brijuni, 22-25 September 2010**

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The total number of 119 participants

Participating countries: Estonia, Hungary, Slovak, Slovenia, Poland, Bulgaria, Croatia, with great participation of experts in the field.

In the frame of the Conference 3 working group sessions were held:

1. PATH University Hospitals Network has been consolidated with plan of work and membership & communication strategy to be defined and agreed soon.  
The 1<sup>st</sup> PATH Hospital Twinning Forum held during the conference resulted in hospital's exchange and sharing of experience in data collection and improvement efforts.
2. The Working Group on Rehabilitation Indicators continues further refining of descriptive sheets.
3. Working group on the PATH indicator "Use of blood"  
The discussion was oriented towards sampling frame, where we concluded that the smaller hospitals might have fewer cases and that they should collect the data throughout year. Therefore, annual collection period was suggested, particularly for small hospitals (or at least 50 consecutive cases per tracer). Some minor changes to the data collection sheet were suggested, which are to be incorporated in the final data collection sheet version.  
PATH CC and PATH Biostatistician in Croatia offered to coordinate analysis of this indicator, as well as any further assistance in this matter.

Apart from the working group session, there was a poster PATH network session, which was very interactive, with sharing of experiences and best practices of all involved.

The conference hosted both the PATH Country Coordinators' Meeting and the Advisory Board Meeting, and in general the Conference was really successful in all its aspects.

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