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Transforming the Patient experience with telehealth in Europe.. A Southern Norwegian Perspective

What is our goal?

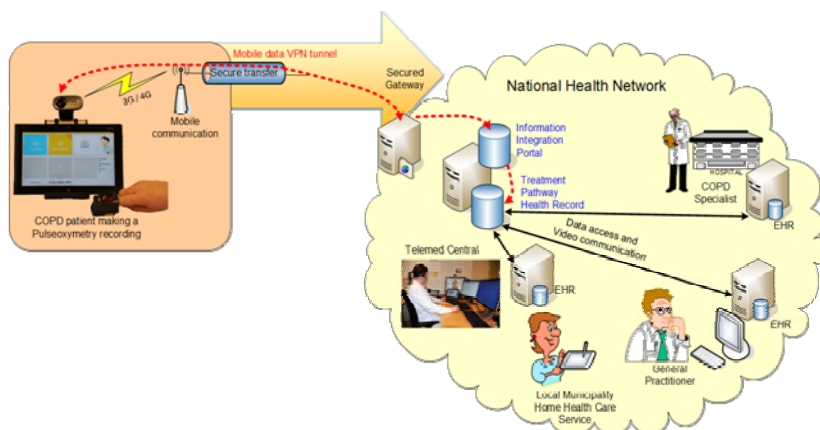
United 4 Health is a research and innovation project with the following goals in the two Agder counties of Southern Norway:

- Improve the feeling of safety for patients with COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)
- Reduce the risk of repeated complications and new hospital admissions for patients discharged after a COPD exacerbation
- Offer telemedical support for 200 COPD patients in Agder

How will we achieve it?

The project focus is to develop technological solutions for home-based follow-up of COPD patients after hospital discharge by the use of a Tablet-PC. A telemedical Central is established in Kristiansand municipality, and there are established procedures and routines for follow-up of patients on daily basis after the patient's self-reporting of clinical symptoms and pulseoxymetry measurements. Personnel has been trained and equipment tested by the Centre of eHealth and Health Care Technology at University of Agder. The project U4H seeks to develop telemedical support for patients discharged from the hospital after an exacerbation of COPD, beginning in Kristiansand town, with the intention to broaden the telemedical follow-up to more municipalities at Agder during 2015. In addition the project wants to map who the equipment are fit for. Telemedical support of COPD in the homes is part of the Norwegian healthcare collaboration model, and technology solutions are implemented within the secured Norwegian Health network:

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Who are we?

Norwegian partners in U4H are Sørlandet Hospital HF (SSHF), University of Agder (UiA), the municipalities of East- and West-Agder Counties, University hospital of Northern Norway and The Norwegian Centre for Integrated Care and Telemedicine in Tromsø.

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Home monitoring and video conferences in treatment and support of patients raises a number of principal, economic, judicial and scientific questions. To solve these, the project develops new approaches in dialogue with the users, care-givers, researchers and vendors of equipments. The Norwegian part of the project is adjusted to follow the intentions of the Healthcare Coordination Reform of 2012.

VERDIKT-NRC project: Point-of-Care Services Agder

Through an innovation project under the VERDIKT- program of the Norwegian Research Council, "Point of Care Services Agder" the collaboration aspects of the U4H will be gradually developed further to serve all the 30 municipalities in the two counties. The project will describe a future model for collaboration using telemonitoring for more patients groups with chronic diseases. A consortium agreement has been signed by the partners SSHF, UiA, Kristiansand municipality, DIPS ASA, Devoteam solutions AS, Sintef IKT dept. Trondheim and Applica Consulting AS.

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