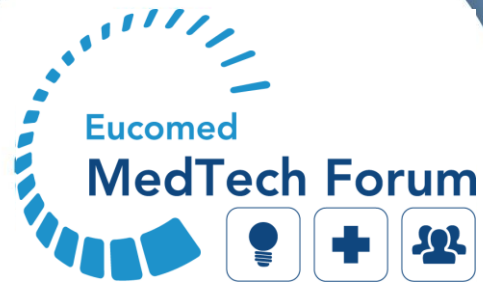




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Sustaining Healthcare Systems in Europe From Switzerland's point of view

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Financing mechanisms

- Inpatient Treatment:
 - Dual financing
 - SwissDRG
- Outpatient Treatment:
 - Financing of the ambulatories by the health insurers solely through premiums

Outpatient area

- Family practice physicians
- Specialists (as private practice or group practice)
- Outpatient facilities (e.g. emergency care practices)
- Hospital outpatient facilities

Trend

- Shift from inpatient to outpatient and particularly to hospital outpatient care
- Strong growth of the premium-financed hospital ambulatories
 - Technical advances
 - Patient preference
 - DRG

Consequences

- Shifting of the financial burden
- Pull toward the hospital ambulatories: reduction in the appeal of family practices, primarily in the rural areas

Discussion

- Promotion of family practice medicine
- Provision of sufficient training placements (segmented suspension of the numerus clausus)
- Restructuring of Tarmed: higher weighting of financial compensation for consultant services
- Promotion of managed care

Solution-oriented approach

→ Focusing on the quality aspects