



# Rethinking EU healthcare delivery models for chronic patients

ONLINE DEBATE

PROGRAMME



## Schedule

09.25-09.30

Participants connect online

09.30-11.00

### Rethinking EU healthcare delivery models for chronic patients

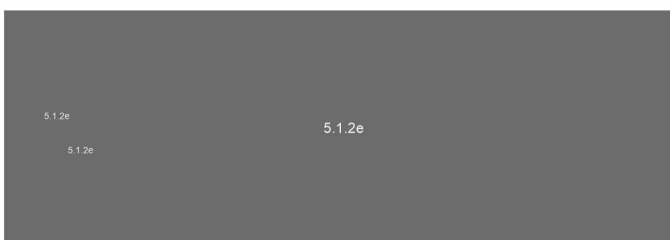
The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic extends far beyond the death toll and has starkly revealed pain points in Europe's healthcare systems as millions of patients suffering from conditions such as cancer and kidney diseases, saw their care postponed, reduced and had increased risks of severe illness.

Digital tools such as video consultations and remote monitoring have surfaced, accelerating the adoption of new care delivery forms with the clear benefit of freeing up maximum capacity in hospitals and shielding vulnerable populations. In the long run, they may have the added benefit of cost-saving for healthcare systems.

Despite these efforts, hurdles remain. Endeavours to scale up digital health across Europe are still blocked by a mix of cultural, technical and legal challenges. Proposals for the EU Health Union and a Data Governance Act will tackle these. However urgent coordination between member states is still lacking, notably on the reinforcement of primary and home based care, health infrastructures, patient and HCP education, as well as the preparedness for future health crises.

- With the majority of chronic patients having seen their care disrupted as well as being at higher risk of infection from COVID-19, what lessons should be learned from the way that hospitals were overwhelmed?
- What were the gaps in providing continuity of care for chronic patients? Can the system be adapted to promote a seamless treatment for patients in both home and institutional settings?
- Digital tools and telemedicine enabled patients to access care during lockdown. What more could be achieved with a more systemic approach to building digital into care pathways?

#### SPEAKERS

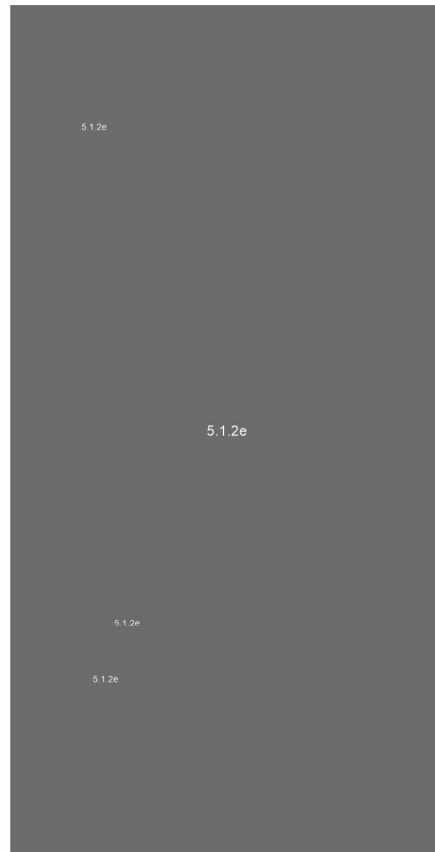
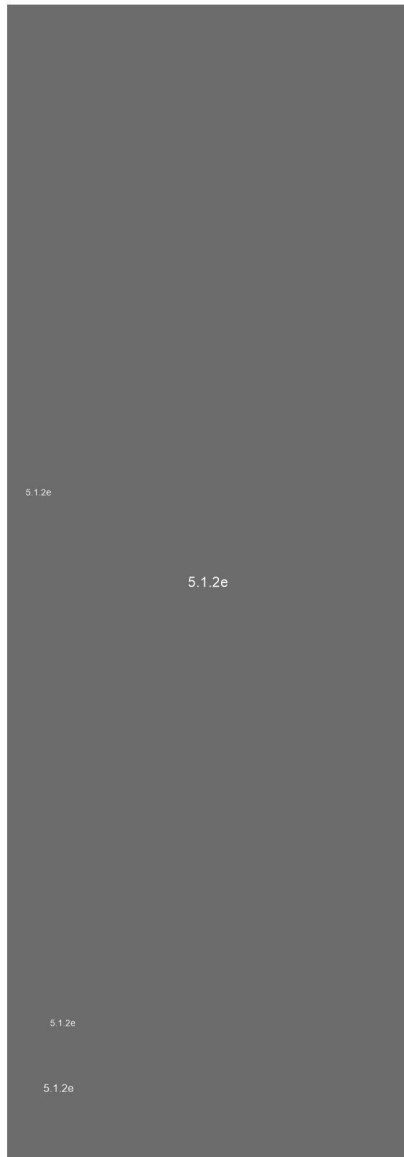


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