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Key Note Presentation

## Continuity of care and care coordination for geriatric conditions in Germany

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### Abstract

Integrated Care (IC) gives health care providers the opportunity to coordinate their efforts to overcome existing borders between ambulant and hospital sectors as well as different health professions. This is especially true for the treatment of patients with complex disease patterns as can be observed in patients with geriatric conditions. Unfortunately, the implementation of formal integrated care concepts in Germany lead to its own challenges and obstacles. As a consequence, the concept of integrated care is often implemented on a more informal basis, incorporating several features of IC in one organization to improve care delivery and outcome.

This presentation highlights the importance of IC for the care of patients with geriatric conditions as well as some of the obstacles which hinders a more general implementation of IC in Germany. Finally, the approach of implementing integrated care in a large geriatric centre is given as an example for overcoming these obstacles.

### Keywords

coordinated care, continuity of care, Geriatrics, Health Care System

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