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# Reinforced European market surveillance for better patient safety

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# Patients' Perspective

- **Safer medical devices:** high level of patient safety and quality of care throughout the lifecycle of the device
- **Improving transparency and information to patients:** to empower patients and ensure public trust and confidence in the safety of medical devices
- **Patient involvement:** Individually and collectively, in the development process of medical devices and direct involvement of patients in key decision making bodies and scientific committees
- **Equitable access** according to patients' needs

*“Seeing patient safety being in the centre of two major European pieces of legislation is a great achievement which now needs to be optimally implemented.”* Nicola Bedlington, Special Advisor to EPF and Past EPF Secretary General



# Key Expectations

Potential benefits for patients in an optimally implemented MDR

Important changes expected for patients:

- ✓ **Stronger safety requirements** particularly for high-risk devices,
- ✓ **Strengthened transparency of clinical evidence** and
- ✓ **Strengthened post-market surveillance**

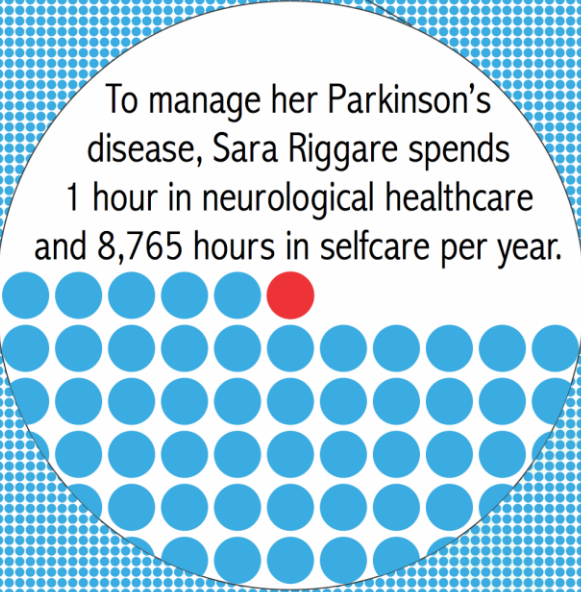


# 8,765 hours of Self-Management

The MD regulation promises better **information to patients** and **increased transparency**

- to **empower patients** and ensure public trust and **confidence** in the **safety of medical devices**

**However** transparency and public access to information remains a concern



To manage her Parkinson's disease, Sara Riggare spends 1 hour in neurological healthcare and 8,765 hours in selfcare per year.

## Transparency

The regulation promises **increased transparency** through **EUDAMED**

**BUT**

Concerns about transparency due to limited public access to information remain

Delay in public accessibility of EUDAMED database to May 2022

- Risks of dysfunctionality
- Persistent patient uncertainty





## Safety

Introduction of public **Summary of Safety and Clinical Performance (SSCP)** of high-risk class III devices and implantables

Important source of information for patients and Healthcare professionals

**BUT** misses **pre-clinical data and clinical evaluation assessment report**



## Three stages for **Patient Safety**:

1. Clinical investigation (tested)
2. Conformity assessment (safety and performance)
3. **Post-market vigilance and safety monitoring**

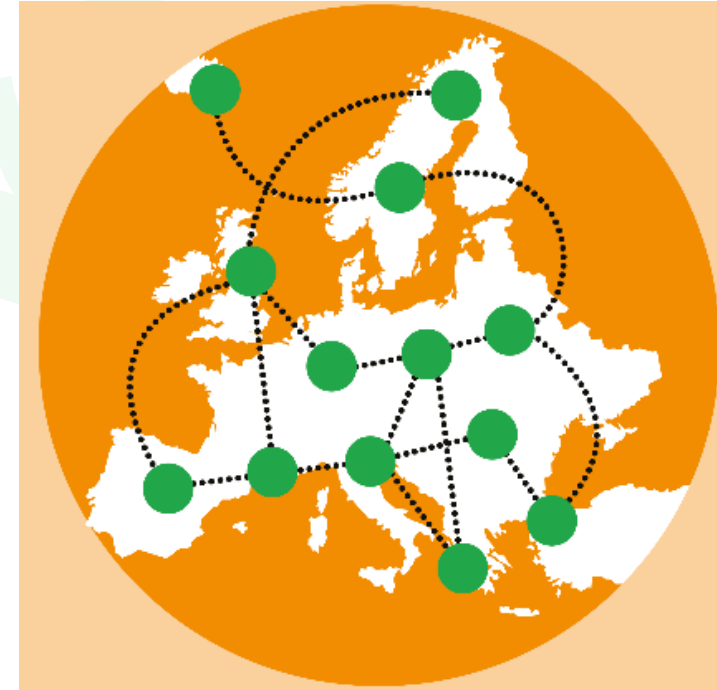


**Need for more effective patient involvement**

## European Cooperation for improved safety

The regulation promises **reinforced European market surveillance** for improved patient safety through strengthening competent authority knowledge and capacity

- Quality joint manufacturer inspections to improve safety of MDs
- sharing of best practices
- training course (building capacity)
- Communication platform and Training material on clinical evaluation in the field of market surveillance



# Access Concerns for Patients

Capacity of notified bodies and other players

Potential lack of capacity of notified bodies

Risk of delay in (re) certification of products

**Delay in ACCESS**

Need for **urgent investment**



# Call for Meaningful Patient Involvement

In continued competent authority cooperation



POs' involvement is a **condition** to ensure **information to patients** on medical devices is of **high quality, easily understandable, accessible and appropriately tailored** AND a condition to ensure the **patients' perspective** is considered on matters that affect them such as safety concerns and surveillance



Patients have a **unique expertise** as users of medical devices



EPF advocates for the **fundamental right** of patients and their organisations to be **meaningfully involved** in the optimal implementation of the MDR and IVDR regulations



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