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>> *eHospital*
e-learning opportunities
for adult patients
during hospitalisation
in health-care institutions



Learning while at hospital?

Lifelong learning for all is declared policy aim of the European Union and its member states.

One group of adults has been denied access to learning, though: Patients who are forced to spend a longer period at hospital due to severe or chronic illness.

The potential benefits of learning activities during hospitalisation are undisputable.

Learning

- helps coping with isolation
- opens a window to the outside world
- eases reintegration into normal life and thus potentially contributes to patients' mental and physical convalescence.

Why e-learning?

Computer-assisted learning has a great potential in this specific educational context.

Hospital patients are restricted in their mobility and can therefore profit from being independent on the time-space coordinates of conventional face-to-face learning.

Social interaction and joint learning activities with peers become possible with the help of virtual tools.

What *eHospital* intends to do

The main activities of the *eHospital* project between October 2005 and September 2008:

- Valuable lessons can be learned from the experience gained in successful e-learning projects at hospital schools for children: *eHospital* examines this existing pool of experience and adapts it to the learning needs of hospitalised adults.
- Local e-learning hospitals for different groups of patients will be designed and tested in Austria, Germany, Poland, Spain and France.
- The adequacy of e-learning devices and the effects of the learning projects on the patients will be carefully evaluated.
- For the first time guidance materials for adult educators who wish to work in hospitals will be developed.
- The project results will be presented at an international dissemination conference.

What *eHospital* offers

- Are you an adult educator or e-learning facilitator?
- Do you want to develop and offer learning activities for hospital patients?
- Or are you a health manager and do you want to introduce educational activities in your hospital?

If you answer one of these questions positively *eHospital* may have interesting products for you:

- A research report on the state of the art of educational activities in European hospitals
- Case studies of successful e-learning projects in hospitals
- A learning management system adapted to the needs of e-learning activities in hospital
- A guidance publication for adult educators wishing to work in hospitals

These products will be downloadable at:

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