

The role of Procurement in healthcare to unlock Value Based Health Care

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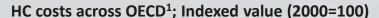
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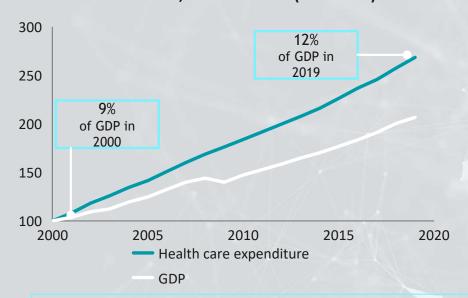
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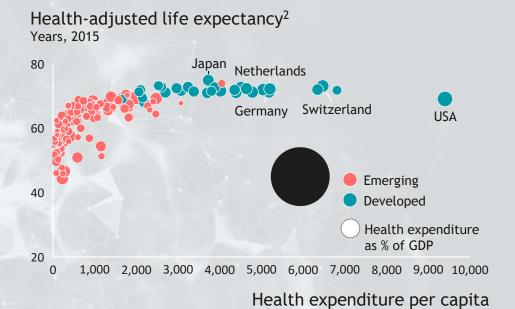
Healthcare systems across Europe face major challenges

- Increased demand because of ageing populations and chronic diseases
- Nursing staff workload and shortage
- Waiting lists
- Patient outcomes variations between hospitals
- Sustainability
- Supply chain disruptions

Healthcare costs are rising with diminishing returns in outcomes







PPP US\$, 2014

WHO and OECD have estimated that 20-40% of HC spend is wasted

^{1.} Based on 36 OECD countries providing data 2000-2019 2. Health-adjusted life expectancy: Estimates the number of years in full health an individual is expected to live at birth by subtracting the years of ill health (weighted according to severity) from overall life expectancy
Source: OECD Health expenditures and GDP, 2022; WHO, BCG analysis

What drives healthcare and patient outcomes?

1. Patient/population

What *patient characteristics* might influence outcomes?

- Gender
- Age
- Education

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3. HC system

What is the *provider context* in which care is delivered?

- Size of provider
- Focus of provider
- Teaching hospital
- Discharges per capita

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What *co-morbidities* might drive outcomes and cost of care?

- E.g., hypertension
- E.g., diabetes
- E.g., neurological disorder

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4. Care practice

What care *practice variation* between physicians and hospitals?

- Individual skills and experience
- Medical training
- Medical technologies used

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Source: BCG



Limiting 'price-only' in public tenders



With regard to tendering of medical devices, the award should be made on the basis of the most economically advantageous tendering. The price cannot be the sole award criterion. ref. § 127 (1b), Social Code Volume V



Price **only for standardized products or services** for which quality would be the same for all providers or cost (full life costing)



The criterion of price only can be used **if products are standardized**, supplies and services below 40.000 € with the exception of innovative products and works below 2 millions €.



To define the criteria for determining the most economically advantageous tender and their relative weighting, reasonable range or, in exceptional circumstances, the **order of importance of comparison criteria**

ref. Finnish Act on Public Procurement and Concession Contracts



Purchases by public authorities to be awarded by the criterion of best price-quality ratio. **Use of lowest price** or lowest cost **not allowed** or to be extensively motived. *ref. art.* 2.114 AW2012



Price cannot be the only award criteria but is allowed for a maximum weight of 90%.



Purchases by hospitals only to be awarded by the criterion of best value for money, **not lowest price**.

ref. Emergency Ordinance amending Law 95/2006 on health reform, article 581 adopted Feb 2020

'Price-only' awarding still allowed in e.g.











Source: EU TED - data 2021

EC Expert Panel opinion on 'Procurement in Healthcare'



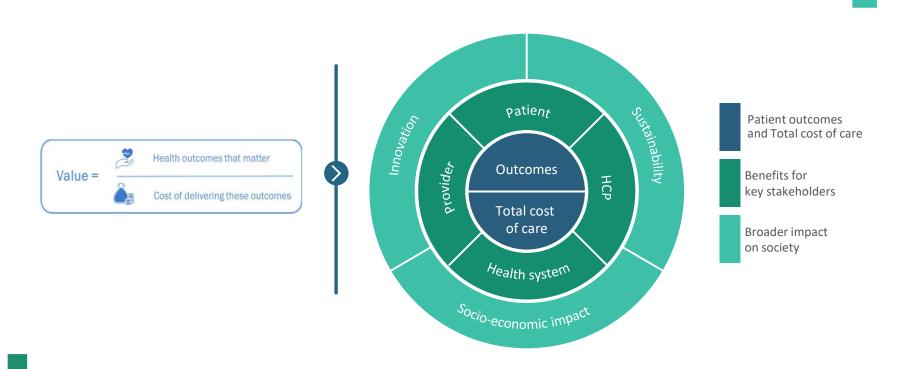


- Procurement is a means to help to achieve improvements in health
- Need to measure patient reported outcome and experiences measures (PREMs, PROMs)
- Co-produce with patients and frontline providers non-price measures of quality

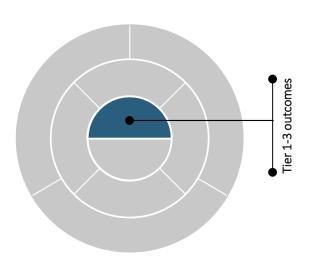
- Procurement as a means to achieve the goals
 of the health care sector, taking into account
 the interests of patients
- Procurement to promote wider social, economic, and environmental goals

Value-Based Procurement framework

- define what impact to make



VBP Framework - defines the impact on patient outcomes



Tier 1 Outcomes

Patient survival rate

• Mortality rate

· Degree of health achieved

- Quality of life (psychical, emotional and social)
- Functionality to perform activities/maintain independence
- Morbidity incidence or severity of complications

Tier 2 Outcomes

· Time to recovery and return to normal activities:

- Early and/or speed of diagnosis
- Cycle times
- Recovery- and/or rehabilitation time after surgery
- Hospital length of stay

· Disutility of the care or treatment process:

- Treatment complications
- Wound infections
- Hospital-associated infections

Tier 3 Outcomes

• Sustained health/recovery and recurrences:

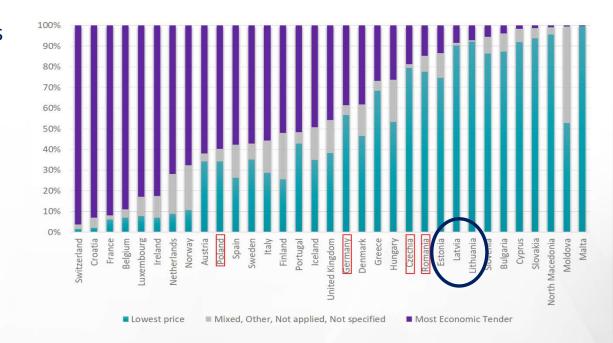
- Re-surgery rates
- In-house re-consultations
- Re-admissions

· Long-term consequences of treatment

- Treatment side-effects
- Revision surgery

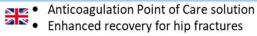
VBP getting momentum

- Share of 'price-only' medtech tenders decreasing
- Share of medtech tenders incorporating 'patient outcome' criteria increasing
- Several countries applying VBP as a strategic tool to improve national healthcare delivery

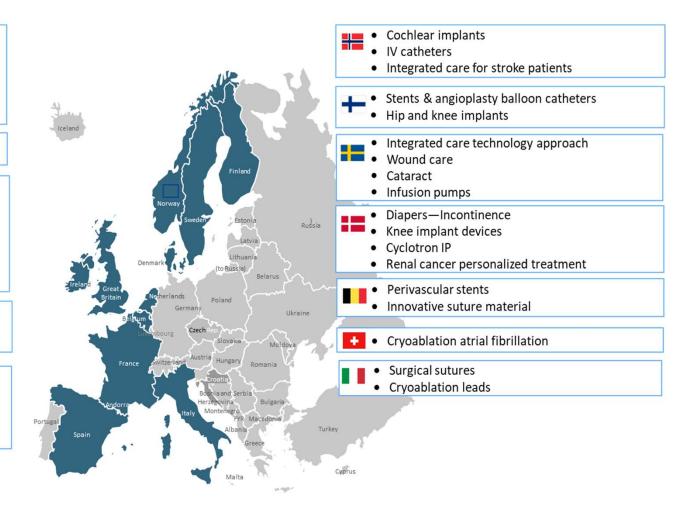




VBP application across Europe



- Integrated care pathway— Musculoskeletal patients
- Care service—MH/LD
- Cataract surgery
- Radiology equipment
 - Haemodialysis equipment
 - Infusion technology
 - Remote patient monitoring in electrophysiology procedures
 - Osteosynthesis implants/accessories
 - Connected hospital bed services
 - · Cataract surgery pathway
 - Colorectal and bariatric surgery
 - Perioperative hypothermia prevention
 - Surgical gloves
 - TAVI
 - Underpads & diapers
 - Ritmocore (PM & home monitoring)
 - Integrated care technology—several disease pathways



Some EU countries taking the lead





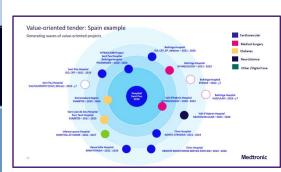












NHS Supply Chain - UK

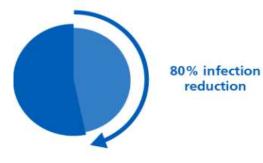


North Midlands University Hospitals

Urinary catheter closed-system insertion

- CAUTI rate reduced to zero.
- Savings of over £47,000 per annum.
- Reduction in patient stay.
- Reduction in complaints.
- 78kg of clinical waste saved.
- 11kg plastic waste avoided.
- 5 minute per catheterisation time saving.

Potential Trust Benefits





£415,200 cost avoidance



1,200 additional bed day capacity

^{*} Based on an average of 200 CAUTIs per year

To move forward

- 1. Understand Procurement is a key driver of value to the hospital: Procurement is of strategic relevance
- 2. Engage **C-level and clinical leadership**: reach out to those having the *interest* <u>and</u> *influence* to change the procurement approach and support the change
- 3. Identify the hospital's (medical) objectives and area's of care pathways improvements
- 4. Engage your internal stakeholders; working in multidisciplinary teams is essential
- 5. Apply the VBP Framework; select a limited number of value-based tender award criteria
- **5. Data**, data, data
- 7. Early supplier involvement and market consultations are essential

VBP Community of Practice – supporting procurers in healthcare

- Creating Awareness & Sharing Knowledge
- Annual VBP Conference, Thematic webinars & External speaking opportunities
- Local guides, articles, papers and workshops













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5th European Value Based Procurement Conference

Title: Navigating the challenges and reaching your destination

- from awareness to application

Venue: Hotel Le Plaza, Brussels

www.leplaza-brussels.be

Date: December 11, 2023

10am – 5pm CET

Set up: **Keynote speakers and break-out sessions**

Info & registration: www.vbpcommunity.eu





Thank you!

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Key challenges to overcome

Time and resource requirements

- 1. VBP tender process time and resources consuming
- 2. Other priorities, like supply chain disruptions, sustainability and short term price reductions
- **3. Expertise** on VBP method is generally lacking

Internal factors

- Procurers lack insights into clinical pain points and clinical/patient needs
- 2. Clinicians **limited involved** in the (public) procurement process
- 3. Insufficient general management support
- 4. Lack of data on outcomes

Medtech supplier readiness

- 1. Translating product features & quality into patient outcomes
- **2. Evidence** supporting the value claims