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TRANSFER OF DIGITAL INNOVATION INTO REGIONAL CARE

DIGITAL MEDICINE AT EUROPEAN LEVEL

Ladies and Gentlemen,

with the motto „New Horizons in Digital Health“ we met in September 2019 for the first congress of the SMITH Consortium in Berlin. Since then, the coronavirus pandemic has changed the field of digital medicine. The goal of the Medical Informatics Initiative of establishing digital infrastructures as the basis for cross-site data and knowledge exchange between care and research has taken on a whole new, tangible meaning against the backdrop of the pandemic.

As part of this year's congress “New Solutions in Digital Health”, the consortium SMITH „Smart Medical Technology in Healthcare“ aims to show what has been achieved in the development and networking phase. As one of four consortia funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), SMITH set out in 2018 to “sustainably improve clinical research and patient care.” One highlight is the establishment of Data Integration Centers at the seven university medical sites, which have been highly successfully externally audited in 2021. Three other network partners are preparing to establish Data Integration Centers.

One methodological and two clinical use cases demonstrate these benefits. Furthermore, SMITH is actively involved in strengthening education in medical informatics.

With the SMITH Congress 2022, we also want to leave the boundaries of the university medicine. In addition to a European perspective, the transfer of digital innovations into regional care will be addressed using the example of the “Digital Hubs: Advances in Research and Health Care” funded by the BMBF. We believe that medical research and care should no longer be considered separately in the future and look forward to actively discussing with you.

Come to Berlin in the summer of 2022.  
We are looking forward to seeing you again!



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