



Project: 'ICHOM as an accelerator for outcome information'

If you are a patient and you want to find information about the best health care organisation to treat your problems, you will easily find this information, decide which is the best consulting room to discuss – together with your doctor – the best treatment in your situation. In five years' time this will be possible in the Netherlands for disorders that make up 50% of the national 'burden of disease'.

This is the ambition of the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport (VWS) which has formulated a programme called 'Outcome information for shared decision-making'. The National Health Care Institute (Zorginstituut Nederland) will carry out this programme. The project 'ICHOM as an accelerator for outcome information?' is one of five projects within this programme, which involves (representatives of) care professionals, patients' associations and hospitals.

ICHOM as an accelerator for outcome information?

In this project we search for answers to the question: 'can ICHOM accelerate the availability of outcome information? And what impact will it have on existing processes, interests and accountabilities?'

Methodology

We have four questions:

- Can outcome information based on ICHOM sets be used for choosing a treatment and for choosing a health care provider?
- Which data will no longer be available if we use only ICHOM-sets? And what effect will this have on users of this information?
- How should we organise the introduction of outcome indicators nationally, so that

the data collated are reliable and comparable, and so that the benefits outweigh the administrative burden?

- How should the Netherlands implement – and contribute to – international agreements on using the standards in a way that we can make efficient use of them both now and in the future?

Answers to these questions are being obtained from frontrunners in this field: organisations that are already using ICHOM and outcome indicators in pilots or projects.

Results

The results of this project will be used in a new agreement that is to be concluded in the spring of 2018. This is a cooperation agreement between the Ministry of VWS, health care providers and health care insurers.

Planning

October 2017 – March 2018

Research among pilots

April 2018

National meeting with stakeholders and participating pilots

June 2018

Final report to the Ministry of VWS

Invitation

Do you work with outcome information, ICHOM, or discuss (outcome) information on individual patient health care? I would like to contact you, to exchange perceptions or to work together. Send me an e-mail via sorlebeke@zinl.nl, Suzan Orlebeke, project leader 'ICHOM as an accelerator for outcome information?' National Health Care Institute (Zorginstituut Nederland).