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## **Moving towards European Convergence in Classical Individual Patients' Rights**

Can the New Individual Patients' Rights to Information under Article 6(3) of Directive 2011/24/EU contribute?

Lisette Bongers, 16 December 2022

1. Directive 2011/24/EU represents a new stage in the legal protection of classical individual patients' rights within the EU. | This dissertation
2. 'Patients' rights' in Article 6(3) of Directive 2011/24/EU refers to the protection of classical individual patients' rights to which a(n) (incoming) patient is entitled according to the legislation of the Member State of treatment. | This dissertation
3. The nature of Article 6(3) of Directive 2011/24/EU implies that a consistent definition of 'patients' rights' in Directive 2011/24/EU is not only desirable but also inevitable. | This dissertation
4. The minimal implementation of Article 6(3) of Directive 2011/24/EU results in potential unintended consequences as it threatens classical individual patients' rights of an individual patient seeking to receive cross-border healthcare within the EU. | This dissertation
5. The new individual patients' rights to information under Article 6(3) of Directive 2011/24/EU cannot contribute very much if EU citizens are not even familiar with the existence of the NCPs for cross-border healthcare.
6. The EU is a supranational organisation with objectives that have patchy consequences for the area of healthcare.
7. Voor een patiënt zal een zorgverlener met kennis van het gezondheidsrecht een geruststelling zijn.<sup>1</sup> | Vergelijk Mieke de Die, *TvGR* 2021 (45) 3
8. Het bereiken van volledige interoperabiliteit bij het elektronisch uitwisselen van gegevens tussen zorgverleners in de dagelijkse praktijk is een utopie.<sup>2</sup>
9. Iets waar we het meest actief mee bezig zouden moeten zijn, is tot rust komen.<sup>3</sup> | Vergelijk Martine Geijsels 2021
10. 'Give a girl the right shoes and she can conquer the world.' | Marilyn Monroe

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<sup>1</sup> 'A health professional who has knowledge of health law is a reassurance to a patient'.

<sup>2</sup> 'The achievement of complete interoperability in the electronic exchange of data between health professionals in daily practice is a utopia.'

<sup>3</sup> 'Unwinding is something that we should be doing the most actively.'