

iCARDEA PHR User Manual

“An Intelligent Platform for Personalized Remote Monitoring of the Cardiac Patients with Electronic Implant Devices”

1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

This document describes the software supporting the Patient Empowerment Framework developed in Task 5.1.

The Patient Empowerment Framework (PEF) is a term used to describe the software and tools that are used to create a system called a PHR system (PHRS). The PHRS system includes functionalities to add, import or update health related information. Information saved is also sent to the hospital system; however, access to this health information by doctors and nurses requires permission from the patient. The patient uses the Consent Manager User Interface to authorize who may access their health information.

1.2 Definitions, acronyms and abbreviations

Abbreviation/Acronym	DEFINITION
CMS	Content management system. The use of the term is meant to include social and collaborative software e.g. Wikis, Blogs, Forums
JSF	Java Server Faces (User Interfaces)
HIS	Hospital information System
OpenID ¹	A framework and standard that describes how to authenticate users in a decentralized manner
PEF	Patient Empowerment Framework
PHR Portal	The PHR portal is where a user interacts with the PHR system (PHRS)
PHR or PHRS	Personal Health System based on the PEF for example.
UI	User Interface
WP	Work Package

Table 1 List of Abbreviations and Acronyms

¹ OpenID <http://openid.net/>,

2 Please Read – No monitoring by Doctors

Please note that a doctor does not monitor the Personal Health information (PHR - Personal Health Records) that you add to this PHR software. Please contact your doctor directly and perhaps print out the reports to bring to your doctor.

This software is a prototype, it is not a medical product – users should sign a consent form. Use this software at your own risk, no one can be held liable.

3 PHR Portal Functionalities

This chapter describes the main functionalities of the PHR web portal; the portal is split into three high level sections that are accessible in the portal's navigation menu:

- Patient Information – comprising the management of the patient's health data
- Information and People – offering information and health material for CIED patients, access to CIED communities and contact to care takers
- Feedback mechanism
 - If you are connected to a hospital system via your CIED implant identifier, then your data is shared with hospital using the iCARDEA clinical software. Your privacy settings (Consent Manager) control authorized access to your health information.
 - If configured, you might use a web-based forum to discuss issues with other patients or healthcare professionals
- Privacy and Administration – offering services for organising the patient's privacy

3.1 Logging in to the Personal Health System (PHR) Portal

Login with a user identifier created by the iCARDEA Identity provider as shown in Figure 1. Otherwise if you have another OpenID, choose “Other Open ID”. For testing and demonstration, please choose a local login name, Figure 2 that begins with ‘phr’ e.g. *phrhans123*. There is no password for this local login, please use sample health data. We will enable the use of Google mail account if the hospital security requirements allow this.


iCARDEA PHR

Please Login

User ID

☒ iCARDEA OpenID login name
☐ Other Open ID
☐ Local login name with prefix 'phr' e.g. phrsm

Figure 1 - Login with iCARDEA Identity Provider



Please Login

User ID

Login with ☐ iCARDEA OpenID login name

☐ Other Open ID

☒ Local login name with prefix 'phr' e.g. phrsm

Figure 2 - Login by local user name ('phr' prefix), no password

3.2 Navigation Menu Sidebar

Physicians or nurses will be provided with a limited navigation menu displaying only the Health reports options. Patients must authorize who can access using the Consent Manager Editor.

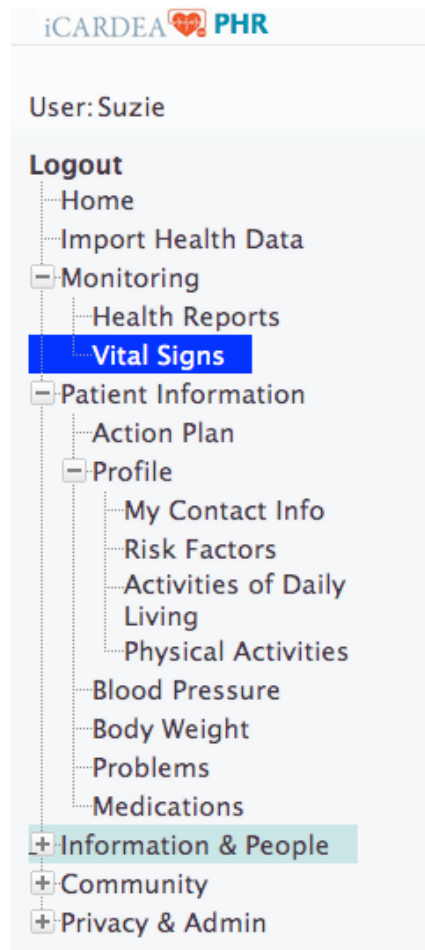


Figure 3 - Menu options for Patient information and monitoring your patient information

3.3 Home

Under the home page, the patient is first presented with their contact information and either a CIED web form or a web form (dashboard) to collecting latest health data.

The CIED form asks the patient for their CIED implant device serial number so that the PHR can connect to the Hospital health system and retrieve health data from the hospital health data. After submitting the CIED form, the patient identity is determined.

If the doctor role is detected, a simpler interface provided that only allows health reports to be viewed

Home

Please use the [Consent Manager](#) (Privacy & Admin) to allow medical professionals to access your health information.

CIED or Patient Identifier

Your CIED Implant identifier or your patient identifier can be used for communicating information to or from the hospital. The status of your patient identifier will be indicated below. If your identifier is valid, you might click on: [Import Health Data](#)

For demonstration purposes, please use serial number PZC123456S

ID Type Implant model:Maximo

Identifier /Serial No. PZC123456S

Please change, if necessary Update

My Contact Information

Please change, if necessary Edit

Family Name	Myer
First Name	Suzie
Telephone	068899912
Street Address	Hauptstrasse 11
Postal Code	5020
City	salzburg
Country	Austria
Email	aaa@123.com
Internet Services	Chat Skype suzie123
Comments	

Figure 4 - Home with contact info and form for collecting the CIED Implant serial number

3.4 Import Electronic Health Information from the hospital

If you successfully connected to the hospital system, the import button will be displayed in the User Interface. If there is information to import, an overview list will be displayed. Press the import button and data will be imported. If, for example, medications were imported, please check the Patient information section to update your medications. It is important to report the status of the medications, whether you are taking the medication or not. Once you have saved the medication, it will be reported to the iCARDEA clinical related tools that might be used by doctors. Please not that there might be no doctor monitoring your information. Please contact your doctor directly.

3.5 Monitoring

3.5.1 Health Reports

Health reports can be displayed from a variety of Observations of Daily Living (blood pressure, heart rate, body weight, medications, problems), profile information (contact info, activities of daily living)

The following figures show a Body weight history report, Figure 5, and a Medications report, Figure 6.



Figure 5 - Personal Health Reports – Body Weight History

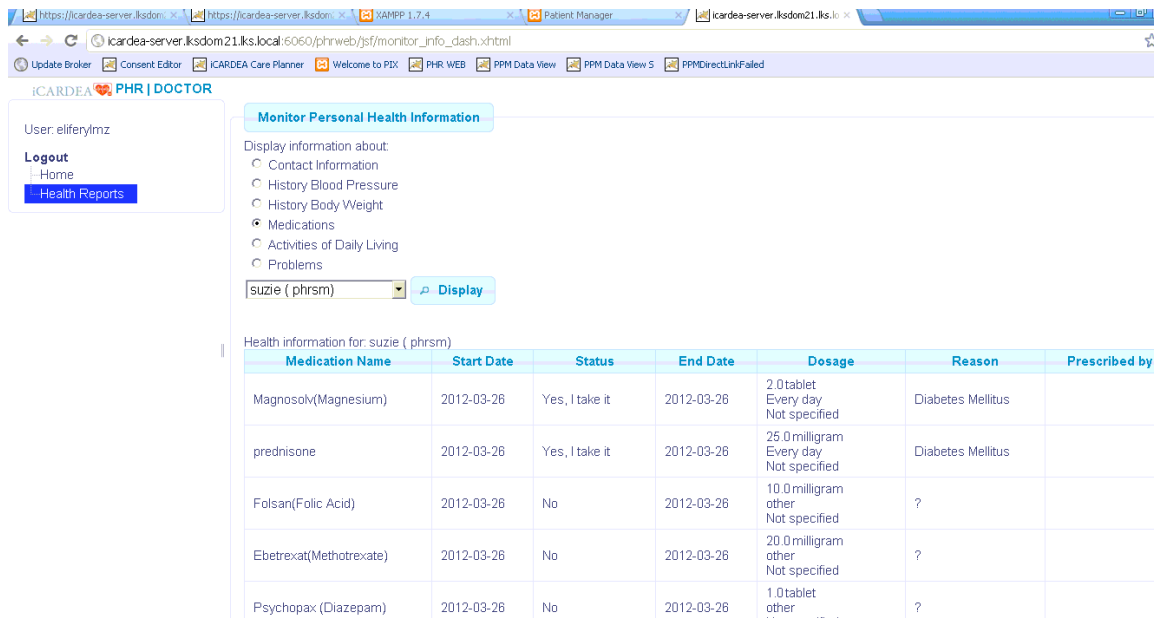


Figure 6 - Personal Health Reports - Medication Report

3.5.2 Monitoring Vital signs over time

The vital signs can be displayed over time on a graph.

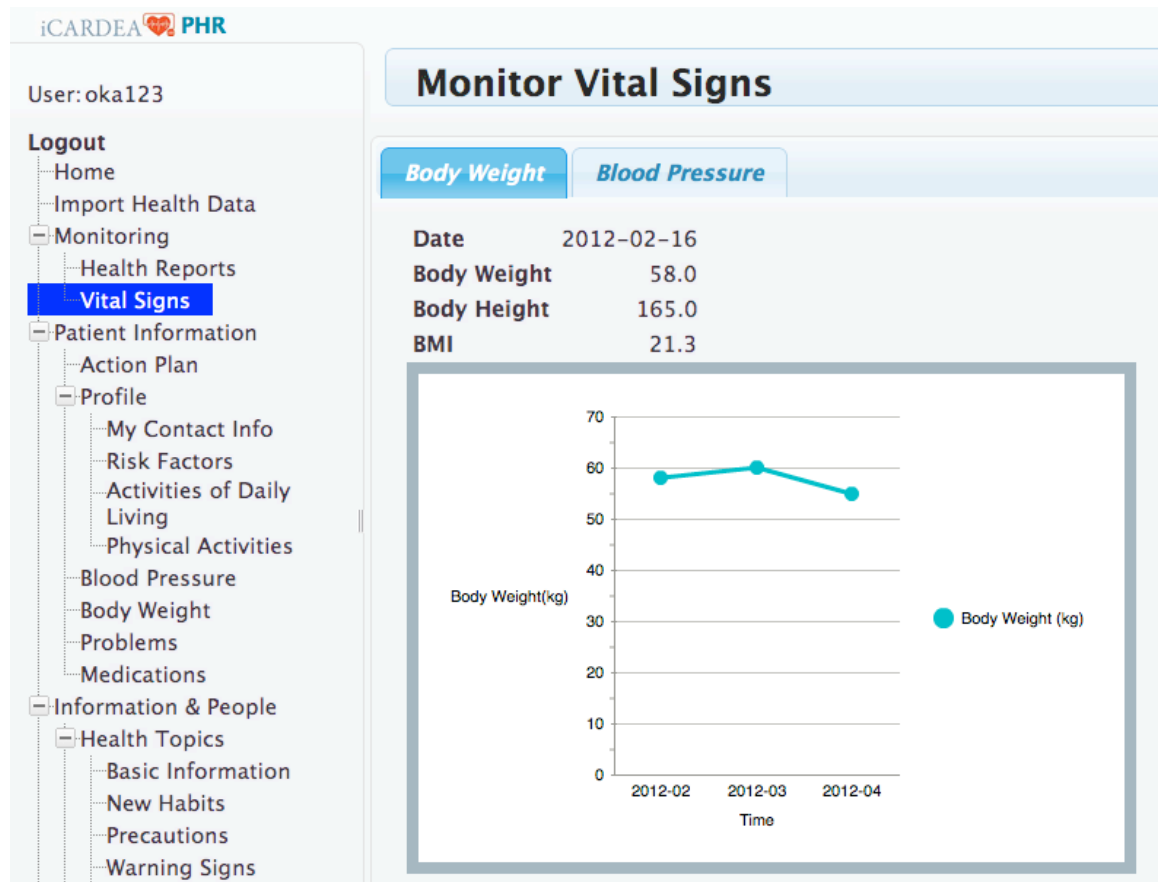


Figure 7 - Monitoring Vital signs over time

3.6 Patient Information

Patient Information comprises an overview of the patient's health data from different perspectives:

- Health observations – includes periodically or occasionally recorded patient data such as blood pressure or current symptoms or problems.
- Action Plan - includes an Action Plan allowing the patient to organize such observations of daily living or other health-related event such as an appointment with his/her cardiologist.
- Profile – describes the patient's profile from different categories such as risk factors, sport activities and activities of daily living
- Monitoring – refers to an overview for vital signs (e.g. blood pressure, weight) as graphics.

The following sections presents examples of UIs for gathering patient information.

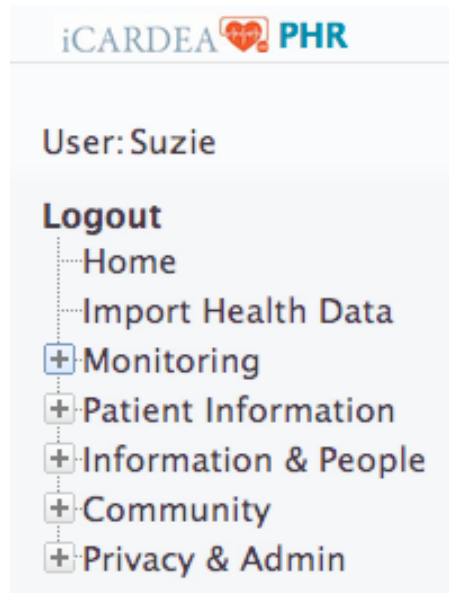


Figure 8 – Menu: Patient Information

3.6.1 Health Observations

The menu item “Health Observations” comprises patient data collected and recorded by the patients themselves. This includes in the current version of the PEF portal blood pressure, body weight, problems and medication compliance.

3.6.1.1 Recording Blood Pressure

Figure 9 shows the form for inserting blood pressure and heart rate on a daily basis. An overview form (see Figure 10) lists all recorded values. An historical overview of blood pressure and heart rate data can also be presented as a graphical view depicted in Figure 11.

 The image shows a web application form for recording blood pressure. The form is titled 'Blood Pressure' and has a light blue header. Below the header, there are two tabs: '+ create' and 'Chart'. The 'create' tab is active. The form contains several input fields: 'Started*' with a date picker set to '2011-11-01', 'Blood Pressure*' with two input boxes containing '111' and '65' followed by 'mmHg', and 'Heart Rate*' with an input box containing '123' followed by 'bpm'. There is also a 'Comments' section with a text area containing the text 'drank water before'. At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: 'Save' and 'Cancel'.

Figure 9 – Dialog view: Blood Pressure







Blood Pressure					
+ create Chart					
Options	Date	Blood Pressure	Heart Rate	Comments	
 	2011-11-01	111/65 mmHg	123 bpm	drank water before	
 	2011-11-09	150/91 mmHg	99 bpm	nervous	
 	2011-11-17	132/86 mmHg	79 bpm	no worries	

Figure 10 - List view: Blood Pressure

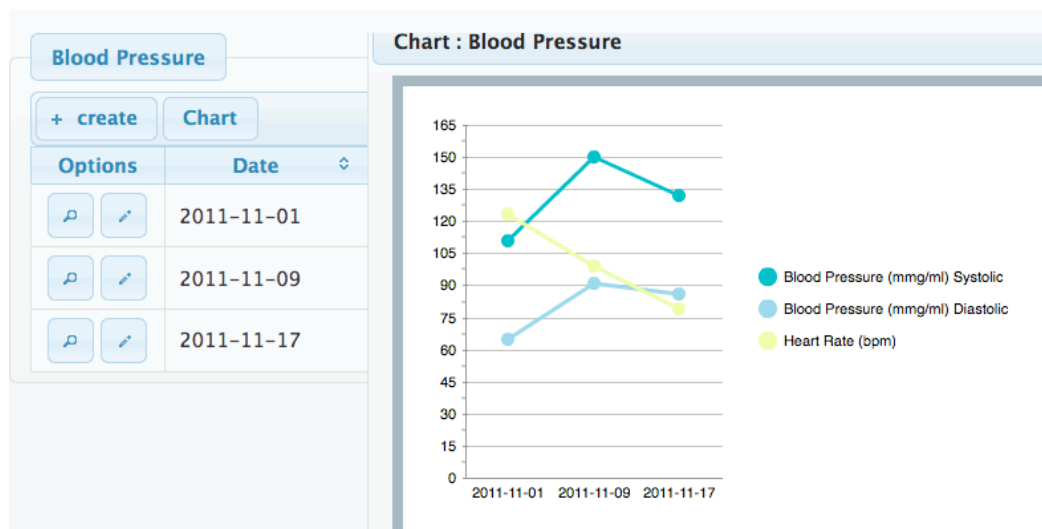



Figure 11 - Chart and List View: Blood Pressure

3.6.1.2 Recording Body Weight

Figure 12 shows the form for inserting body weight and height; the height is inserted from the known height and available here for modification. An overview form (see Figure 13) lists all recorded values and additionally calculates the **body mass index (BMI)** based on weight and height. An historical overview of body weight data can also be presented as a graphical view depicted in Figure 14.

Body Weight

Started 

Weight kg

Height cm

Comments

Figure 12 – Dialog view: Body Weight

Body Weight







Options	Started ▲	Body Weight↕	BMI↕	Height	Comments
 	2011-11-01	78.0 kg	25.5	175.0 cm	good
 	2011-11-09	80.0 kg	26.1	175.0 cm	higher protein
 	2011-11-17	82.0 kg	26.8	175.0 cm	exercise and less sweets

Figure 13 - List view: Body Weight

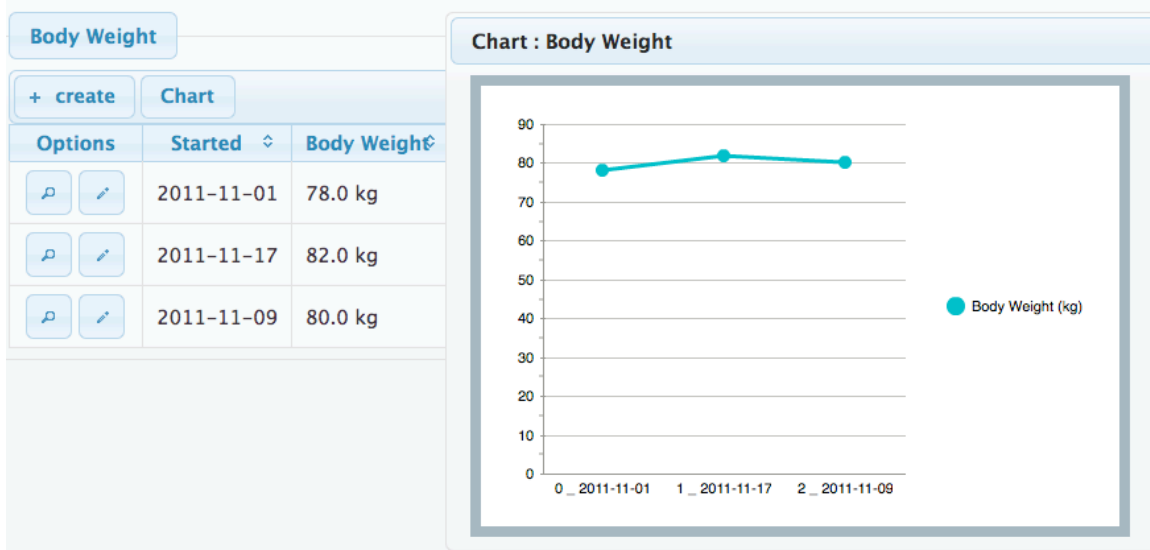


Figure 14 - Chart and List View: Body Weight

3.6.1.3 Reporting Health Problems (Symptoms)

The patients can provide a list of their health problems to share with their doctor either directly during consultation or by sharing via the interoperability services.

Figure 15 presents the dialog form for inserting an observed problem or symptom on a daily basis. The patient can indicate whether s/he has currently a problem or whether the problem disappeared. The list of problems comprises typical symptoms related to CIED patients (see Figure 16). An overview of recorded problems and their status are presented in a chronological order in Figure 17.

Problem Description

What is the problem? Please Choose

Are you still having this problem? ☐ This is a current problem since ☒ This is no longer a problem as of

Date (yyyy-mm-dd) 2011-11-02

Comments

Figure 15 – Dialog view: Problems (Symptoms)

Problem Description

What is the problem? Please Choose

Are you still having this problem?

Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

Comments

- Please Choose
- Ankle swelling
- Bleeding gums
- Bruising symptom
- Chest pain
- Diarrhea
- Extra bruising or bleeding
- Extra pillow to sleep at night
- Fatigue
- Fatigue - symptom
- Fever
- Foot swelling
- Palpitations
- Rashes
- Shortness of breath
- Temporary loss of speech
- Temporary weakness
- Vomiting
- Weakness present
- Weight increased

Figure 16 - Controlled vocabulary for UI and PHRS interoperability services

Problem Description				
+ create				
Options	What is the problem?	Status ↕	Date ↕	Comments
 	Bleeding gums	This is a current problem since	2011-11-02	after brushing teeth
 	Ankle swelling	This is no longer a problem as of	2011-11-09	

Figure 17 - List view: Health Problems (Symptoms)

3.6.1.4 Medication Compliance

The medications sections display three views: active and inactive medications and a history of updates to the medication items by the patient. The patient might manually enter their own medications, both prescription and over the counter. In iCARDEA medication data are also imported from the Hospital Information System (HIS). Figure 18 presents the dialog form for inserting a medication. The patient can indicate dosage, frequency and whether s/he is currently taking this medication or whether s/he stopped the intake. Figure 19 depicts an overview for medication compliance.

Medication	
Medication Name	Ebetrexat(Methotrexat)
Begin Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	2009/01/01
Are you taking this medication now?	<input type="radio"/> Yes, I take it <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Stop Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	
How many?	20 milligram
How often?	Every day
When taken?	Not specified
Who prescribed the medication?	
Reason for taking this medication	Diabetes Mellitus
Comments	
<input checked="" type="button" value="Save"/> <input type="button" value="Cancel"/>	

Figure 18 – Dialog view: Medications







Medication					
All Current Inactive					
+ create					
1 2 3 4 >> >1					
Option	Medication Name	Start Date	Status	End Date	Dosage
	Concor	1999-10-10	No		5.0 milligram other Not specified
	Prednisone	2008-12-01	No		25.0 milligram other Not specified
	Ebtrexat(Methotrexate)	2009-01-01	Yes, I take it		20.0 milligram Every day Not specified
	Convulex <i>Imported Data</i>	1980-10-10	Yes, I take it		300.0 milligram Every day Not specified
	Pantoprazole (Pantoloc)	2008-12-01	Yes, I take it		40.0 milligram Every day Not specified
	Psychopax (Diazepam)	1999-10-10	No	2000-11-11	1.0 drops Every day Not specified

Figure 19 - List view: Medications. Note the medication *imported from a Hospital*

3.6.2 Action Plan

The action plan tool provides a simplified means of recording actions or diary entries and viewing these entries from either a table list or calendar view. Optimally, actions should be planned over a two-week period or diaries (physical activities, medication diary) might be recorded on a daily basis. Figure 20 depicts the dialog view for inserting or updating actions and Figure 21 presents the inserted actions as a table.

It is possible to enter new actions directly using the calendar view (see Figure 22), however, this feature is not activated by default because not all users are accustomed to this interacting with electronic calendars.


Basically, the information about actions in the Action Plan is not shared with other persons (such as physicians). But the patient can grant access and e.g. share the status of physical actions as feedback to clinicians via the PHRS interoperability services.

Action Details

Action Name *

Category

Have you completed this action? ☒ Done ☐ To do

When? 

How long?

Comments

Briskly to the point of being slightly winded

Figure 20 – Dialog view: Actions

Actions **Calendar**

Actions List

[+ create](#)







Options	Status	Action Name	Category	When?	How long?	Comments
 	Done	Nordic Walking	Sport	2011-11-18	30 minutes	brisk walking, almost winded but felt better this time
 	Done	Dr Wenger	Appointment	2011-11-30	All Day	ask about sleeping problems, low energy
 	To do	Dr. Iganz	Appointment (Medical)	2011-12-03	45 minutes	

Figure 21 - List view: Actions

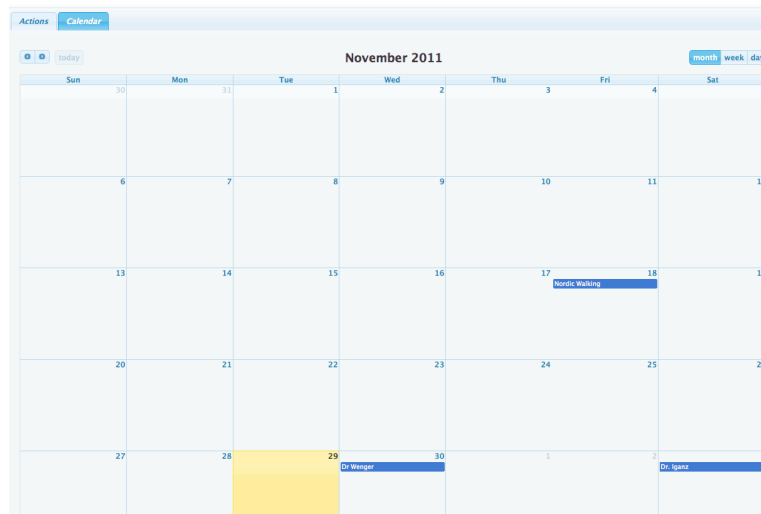


Figure 22 – Calendar view: Actions

3.6.3 Health Profile

3.6.3.1 Maintaining Contact Information

This menu item allows the patient to insert and update his/her contact information. Figure 23 presents the dialog form for managing the contact data.

Contact Information

✓ Save ✕ Cancel

First Name:

Last Name:

Primary Telephone:

E-Mail:

Street Address:

Postal Code: City: Country:

Internet Chat Service:

Comments:

Figure 23 – Dialog view: Contact Information

3.6.3.2 Indicating Risk Factors

The patient can provide basic information about their risk factors. This might be additional information for physicians. Important risk factors related to CIED patients are cholesterol, smoking, diabetes and hypertension (see Figure 24). Figure 25 and Figure 26 presents examples how to describe the profiles for smoking and for diabetes.









Risk Factor Description				
	Active	Risk Factor	Modified	Comments
 	Active	Cholesterol	2011-11-10	
 	Not answered	Smoker		
 	Not answered	Diabetes Mellitus		
 	Not answered	Hypertension		

Figure 24 - List view: Risk Factors

escription

Smoker	
What do you smoke or did you smoke?	<input type="checkbox"/> Cigarette smoker <input type="checkbox"/> Cigar smoker <input type="checkbox"/> Pipe smoker
How long did you smoke?	I smoked for .. 1 year
Status	<input type="radio"/> Yes I currently smoke since <input type="radio"/> No, I no longer smoke as of
Date ended	
How much did you smoke?	1 pack per day
Comments	

✓ Save × Cancel

Figure 25 – Dialog view: Risk Factors – Smoking

Diabetes Mellitus	
How do you treat this?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diet <input type="checkbox"/> Drug <input type="checkbox"/> No Special treatment
If you take a diabetes medication, which do you take?	<input type="radio"/> Insulin <input type="radio"/> pills <input type="radio"/> No Special treatment
Comments	<div></div>
<input checked="" type="button" value="Save"/> <input type="button" value="Cancel"/>	

Figure 26 – Dialog view: Risk Factors - Diabetes

3.6.3.3 Activities of Daily Living

Activities of Daily Living concern the patient profile and deliver insight how a patient is able managing his/her daily routine. This menu item provides a list of activities patient can either do or requires assistance (see Figure 27). Figure 28 presents the dialog view for climbing stairs and represents one example for indicating such activities.

Activity Of Daily Living			
Options	Activity Type	Activity Status	Comments
	Bathing activity	Not answered	
	Climbing stairs	I require assistance	breathless alone
	Driving a car	I can do	need glasses
	Gardening	I can do	Hobby daily indoor and outdoor
	House work	I can do	Share takes with roommate
	Shopping activities	Not answered	

Figure 27 - List view: Activities of Daily Living

Activity Type

Climbing stairs

Activity Status

☐ I can do this without assistance

☒ I require assistance

☐ Not answered

Comments

breathless alone

✓ Save × Cancel

Figure 28 – Dialog view: Activities of Daily Living, climbing stairs

3.6.3.4 Physical Activities

Physical activity data concerns the patient profile, although these are not actions for organizing in the action plan. These are more similar to *Activities of Daily Living* as another means to access what physical activities, such as sports or exercise, the patient can do or has done. Figure 29 presents an example for indicating jogging as a physical activity that a patient performs on a regular basis several times per week. The overview form summarizes all current physical activities of the patient (see Figure 30).

Activity Details

Physical Activity

Jogging

Optional activity label

alternate walking

Status

☒ I am active with this activity since

☐ I am not currently active with this activity as of

Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

2010/05/11

How often do you do this activity?

Several times per week

How long do your perform this activity?

45 minutes

Comments

slow jog

✓ Save × Cancel

Figure 29 – Dialog view: Physical Activities





Physical Activity					
+ create					
<div> <div><<</div> <div><</div> <div>1</div> <div>></div> <div>>></div> </div>					
Options	Category	Status	When?	How long?	Comments
 	Jogging	I am active with this activity since	2010-05-11	45 minutes	slow jog
 	Bicycle riding	I am active with this activity since	2010-05-12	1 hour	slow pace to work
<div> <div><<</div> <div><</div> <div>1</div> <div>></div> <div>>></div> </div>					

Figure 30 - List view: Physical Activities

3.6.4 Monitoring Vital Signs

The monitoring section provides an overview of current health information and charts of historical information. Additional information and charts can be added as needed. The following are examples for date (body weight and blood pressure) that the patient might wish to follow and perhaps share with their physician:

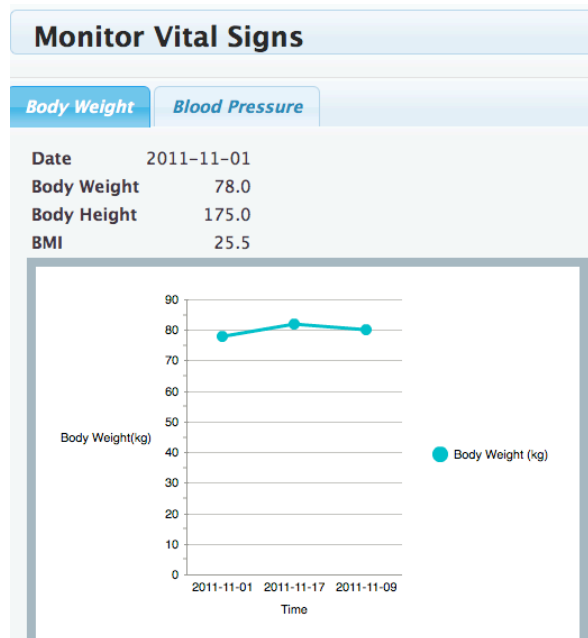


Figure 31 – Monitoring Body Weight

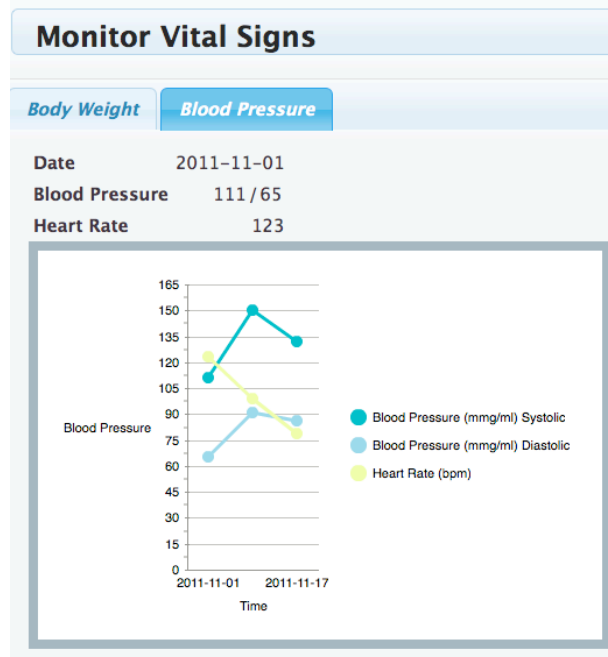


Figure 32 – Monitoring Blood pressure

3.7 Information and People

This menu item is dedicated to health information customized for CIED patients and comprises the following topics:

- Health Topics – includes information and education material and decision aids for CIED patients
- Community – allows patients to share information and experiences with other patients in similar situations by using social software tools
- Contacts – allows patients to insert contact data about medical persons such as the treating cardiologist or other persons.

3.7.1 Health Topics

The PEF provides light integration to a Content Management portal (CMS) where patient education materials can be created and managed for CIED patients. A detailed description about information and education material can be found in D521 “Patient Education Mechanisms for the PHR”. The main topics are listed in **Error! Reference source not found.**:



Figure 33 - Menu Options for Patient Education

An example for the sub menu items *New Habits* is presented in Figure 34.



New Habits

1 Added by [mule](#), last edited by [Manuela](#) on 2011-10-13 ([view change](#))

- Introduction
- Changing your habits
- Work, profession and housework
- Free time, travelling and transport
- Questions and answers:
 - How do I live with my ICD?
- How do I live with my pacemaker?
- Getting started with your pacemaker: The first six weeks
- What I can do with my pacemaker?
- You and I are very well blended
 - Appliances
 - Mobile
 - Sports
 - Travel
 - Airports
 - Department stores
 - Hospitals
 - Family
 - Effect of magnets
- What things I can make carrying an ICD or a pacemaker?
- References:

Introduction

After you have left the hospital, you should allow some months to get used to the situation. Speak with your family and friends about the ICD.

Although this will not heal the underlying disease in your heart, it can make you feel more secure. Initial doubts and fears can often be allayed by conversing with your doctor. This can prevent the effect of possible tachycardia and the patients therefore benefit from a real improvement in their quality of life.

Changing your habits

You must pay attention to certain things immediately after the operation.

You should observe the scar and inform your doctor if it becomes red, swells or becomes moist. You should not move the affected shoulder too energetically. It is also inadvisable at the beginning.

After discussing the situation with your doctor, there is no problem with taking walks, playing sports or bathing. The clothing round the wound should not be too tight.

Once the wound has completely healed, there is nothing to stop you from taking up new pursuits. As long as your doctor has no objections, you can resume your normal activities.

With the implanted ICD, most patients can increase the scope of their activities - as the ICD removes the fear of being helpless during an attack of arrhythmia.

Work, profession and housework

You can also start being active again at your place of work and in the house. However, you should avoid some activities, such as climbing ladders, welding or using power tools.

Theft protection systems, as found in the entrances and exits of department stores, do not normally present a risk for someone with a defibrillator. However, you should inform the security staff that you have an ICD.

Figure 34 - Patient Education Example: New Habits

In the following Figure 35 is an example for a *Decision aid for Telemonitoring Y/N*. Commonly, decision aids describe different aspects of a decision situation such as advantages and disadvantages, risks and possible alternatives.



Decision Aid for Telemonitoring

1 Added by [mule](#), last edited by [Manuela](#) on 2011-10-13 ([view change](#))

Decision aid for telemonitoring Y/N

The aim of this decision aid is to help patients with a Cardiovascular Implantable Electronic Device (CIED) to decide whether or not be

Definitions

CIED, Cardiovascular implantable electronic device (CIED) (from the HRS_ERA Expert Consensus of CIEDs¹): Cardiovascular implant pacemaker (PM), implantable cardioverter-defibrillator (ICD), cardiac resynchronization device (CRT), implantable loop recorder (ILR) and (ICM). PM, ICD and CRT devices have been described in detail in the google site and will be implemented in the PHR and all of these cardiovascular implantable electronic devices (CIEDs).

Alerts: Some CIED have alert capabilities.

Home monitor/communicator (from the HRS_ERA Expert Consensus of CIEDs¹): A device designed to receive telemetry from a specific using telephone technology to a remote-secure monitoring center or file server. Often the home monitor/communicator is stationary and analog telephone line in a patient's home, but it can also be mobile/portable unit and connected via cellular technology.

In-Clinic Follow-up

Patients with a CIED must be followed-up in an out-patient clinic (include follow up guidelines), where the physicians can assess the de CIED collects a large amount of information such as technical device parameters and clinical relevant data. All this information may help

- Assess whether the device is working properly
- Detect present or anticipate future device dysfunction
- Keep track of the disease progress
- Help taking medical actions

Goals of monitoring CIEDs (HRS-ERA Expert Consensus of CIEDs):

Goals	
Patients related	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimize the patient's quality of life. • Optimized pacemaker/ICD system function to meet the patient's clinical requirements. • Identify patients at risk and initiate appropriate follow-up with field safety corrective action and safe • Triage non CIED related health problems and make appropriate referrals.
CIED related	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document appropriate CIED function. • Identify and correct abnormal CIED behavior. • Maximize pulse generator longevity while maintaining patient safety. • Identify CIEDs approaching end of battery life, to identify leads at risk of failure, and to organize CIE manner.
Disease related	

Figure 35 – Patient Education Example: Decision Aids

3.7.2 Community related topics

The community related topics include a list of community links, forums for patients and healthcare providers, blogs, and information discovery via community bookmarks and by browsing content by keyword.

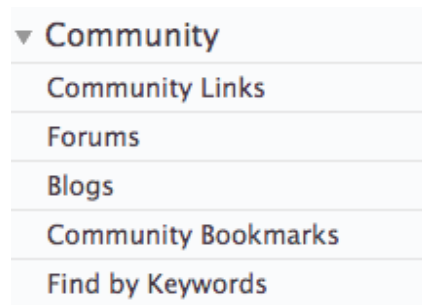


Figure 36 - Menu view: Community

3.7.3 Contacts

Contact information of a patient's healthcare providers can be viewed and managed. The telephone or email might be sufficient to facilitate feedback to patients, however, chat and VoIP (Voice over IP) will depend on how the healthcare professional wishes to communicate.

 A screenshot of a 'Contact Information' dialog box. The dialog has a title bar at the top. Below the title bar are several input fields and dropdown menus. The fields are: 'First Name' (Manuela), 'Last Name' (Mayer), 'Primary Telephone' (0680 12 34 567), 'E-Mail' (mm@gmail.com), 'Organization' (empty), 'Healthcare Role' (Other), 'Street Address' (123 Hauptstraße), 'Postal Code' (5020), 'City' (Salzburg), 'Country' (Austria), 'Internet Chat Service' (Skype), 'Internet Voice Service' (Skype), and 'Comments' (Cardiologist, consultation hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 - 12:00). At the bottom of the dialog are two buttons: 'Save' and 'Cancel'.

Figure 37 – Dialog view: Contacts

3.8 Privacy – Patient Consent Editor

The PHRS system includes functionalities to add, import or update health related information. Information saved is also sent to the hospital system; however, access to this health information by doctors and nurses requires permission from the patient. The patient uses the Consent Manager User Interface to authorize who may access their health information.

Privacy settings primarily affect the sharing of information with clinical systems via the PHRS interoperability services. A patient can manage privacy settings using the patient Consent Editor that is based on roles (e.g. physicians, nurses or family member) and can be granted for different categories of patient data such as medication.

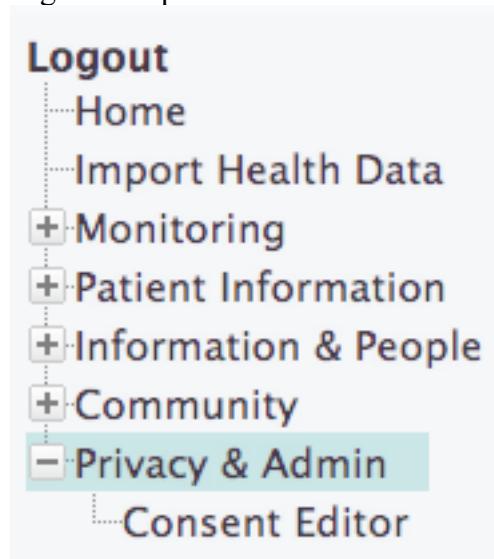


Figure 38 - Consent Editor for authorizing access to personal health information

3.9 Sharing of personal health information and interoperability

The patient consent editor and PHRS interoperability services regulate the sharing of personal health information with clinical systems. The PHRS creates a unique PHRS user health profile identifier that can be mapped to patient identifiers shared by clinical systems seeking access to PHRS patient data. When the patient saves or updates their PHR information, this information is persisted and then enriched and forwarded to the PHRS interoperability service repository.

The transformed data must conform to the standard coding understood by the interoperability services. The interoperability services use the IHE CM Profile and utilize standardized vocabularies, such as UMLS, LOINC, and SNOMED. The interoperability client

software includes a SKOs² based RDFS³ ontology (Simple Knowledge Organization) contains relevant standard vocabularies, simple labels, and organized with relevant query tags for use by User Interfaces. The PHR portal sends messages containing new or updated patient health information to the PHRS interoperability component and are persisted separately by that component.

The PEF framework includes tools to filter, enrich and transform PHRS patient data. Content enrichment steps include transforming any local codes to standard medical codes and filtering data that should not be shared, such as private notes or comments. The interoperability client is used to exchange information with the PHRS interoperability component.

4 Communication with patients sharing similar situations

Patients and healthcare professionals might share their experiences or provide other information to other patients by using social media for patients.

4.1 Forums for patients and health experts

Web-based forums (Figure 39) provide common features for users to create a threaded discussion of forum posts by using a web-form editor (Figure 41). Users have the ability to also freely tag their posts or to categorize their post using a simple vocabulary created by the users. Example categories might include: Anxiety, defibrillator technology, depression, medication, sport, using electronic devices. Users might then select a category or subscribe to particular categories to follow posts in the forum.

Threaded discussions contain one or more posts submitted by users. An overview of all threaded discussions are shown in (Figure 39 and Figure 42).

² SKOS Single Knowledge Organization <http://www.w3.org/2009/08/skos-reference/skos.html>

³ RDFS <http://www.w3.org/TR/rdf-schema/>

The screenshot shows the 'Message Boards' interface. At the top, there are links for 'Message Boards Home', 'Recent Posts', and 'My Posts'. Below these are buttons for 'Add Category', 'Post New Thread', and 'Permissions'. The main content area is divided into 'Categories' and 'Threads'. The 'Threads' section displays a table with the following data:

Thread	Flag	Started By	Posts	Views
getting near magnetic fields??		Test Patient	2	2
need some help with ...		Test Patient	2	10

Figure 39 - Forum overview

Figure 40 shows a list of posts within a discussion thread that are created using editor shown in Figure 41.

The screenshot shows a detailed view of a forum thread titled 'getting near magnetic fields??'. The thread is started by 'Test Patient' on 8/3/11 at 1:16 PM. The first post contains the following text:

Hello,
 Beginner question - I already searched the internet. What actually happens with my device if I come to close to a magnetic field?
 What distance do I need to keep away from magnetic fields.
 It would help to have examples of appliances or even magnetic fields that I might encounter while traveling, buying electronics or even going to the dentist.
 thanks for any help
 David

The post has 0 votes and includes icons for 'Flag', 'Top', 'Edit', 'Permissions', and 'Delete'. Below the first post is a reply from 'Test Patient' on 8/3/11 at 1:18 PM, which reads:

RE: getting near magnetic fields??
 8/3/11 1:18 PM as a reply to Test Patient.

Dear David,
 Try looking at the manual "Life with the Defibrillator" at <http://www.defi-liga.com>
 Very interesting and it is now in my bookcase for quick access. I look at it first when I have questions.
 Maybe if there are still some open questions, we can organize and make a FAQ page here..
 Hope this helps you. Best regards, Carol

Figure 40 - Overview of forum “posts” from users in a threaded discussion

Message Boards

New Message

Subject

Body

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Hello,

Beginner question - I already searched the internet. What actually happens with my device if I come to close to a magnetic field? What distance do I need to keep away from magnetic fields. It would help to have examples of appliances or even magnetic fields that I might encounter while traveling, buying electronics or even going to the dentist.

thanks for any help
 David

☐ Mark as a Question

☐ Anonymous

Priority

☒ Allow Pingbacks

Tags

Add Select Suggestions

Permissions
 Viewable by [More Options »](#)

Figure 41 - Editor for creating a post in the forum

Categories can be used to help filter and organize posts from users (Figure 42). Categories can be added, such as: Anxiety, Medication, Using electronic devices, and Defibrillator technology.

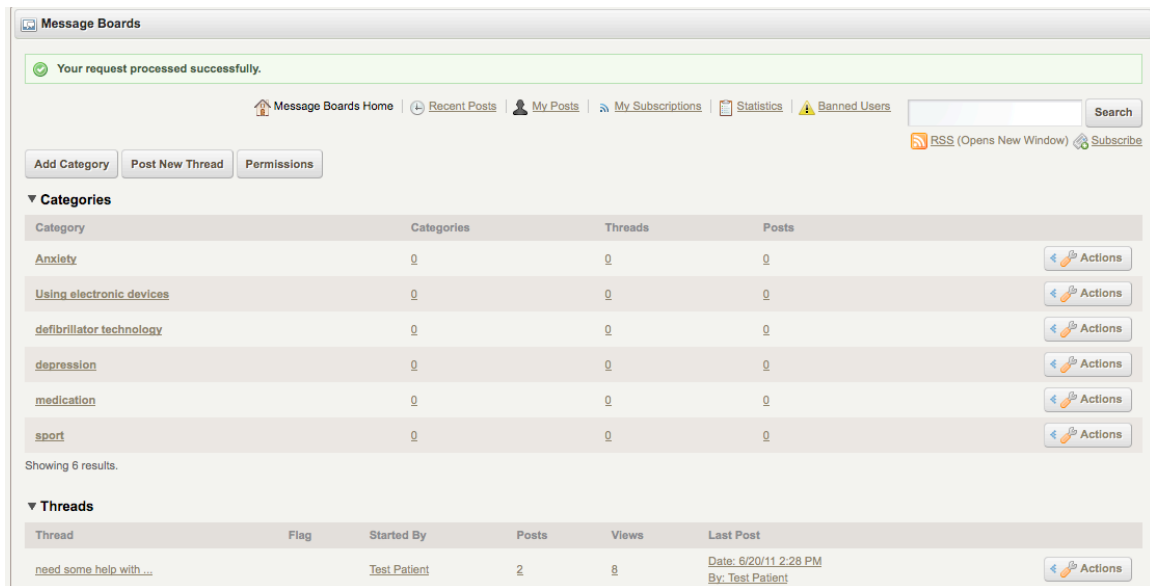


Figure 42 - Category subscription

Existing online patient forums can be accessed via the portal's Wiki pages (Section 4.2) for patient communities and forums (section 4.2). An example for an existing forum is Defibrillator-Forum⁴, a German forum for patients with a defibrillator. Defibrillator-Forum also includes information and contacts about self-help groups and related associations. These patient forums pages can be edited and assembled by users.

4.2 Wiki-based resources for patient communities and forums

Wiki-based content management in the PHR portal will enable authors to create web pages identifying resources for both online and offline communities supporting patients. These references and others might also be collected by recommendations from healthcare professionals that are shared their patients. This enables patients to contact and communicate with other patient communities and forums. With feedback from other forums as well as from the PHRS forum, the patient might bring more understanding and further questions to his/her physician, or the PHRS forum, for feedback. The portal content management supports the creation and updates to community pages by designated authors.

⁴ Defibrillator-Forum <http://www.defi-forum.de/>