



HealthPros

International Training Network for
Healthcare Performance Intelligence Professionals

Second ESR training week (8-12/4 2019)



After the first successful HealthPros training week the whole group changed venue to Aalborg for the second week, with as a bonus, the Mid-term check with our EU project officer Charalampos Moschoupoulos (see below). The training week started on Monday the 8th of April with a general welcome and introduction to the Danish health care system and quality measurements in Denmark. This was very well received by the fellows and should become a standard introduction in each country. This was followed by a workshop on defining and developing clinical indicators for quality measurements and an introduction to composite indicators. Wednesday there were interesting lectures on the art of scientific presentations and open science publications and bioethics. On Thursday the 11th a new concept in HealthPros was introduced; the **data hackaton**. The fellows had the chance to work in teams and complement their skills and abilities into a concrete assignment discussing their views/ aspects on creating composites, selecting indicators, stimulating patient-

centered care etc. It was a great success and will certainly be continued in Hamburg at the next training week! The week was finalized with the Danish immersion community event in the morning where the fellows could speed-date with Danish public and private companies in a similar way as in the previous Dutch event, followed by a street art tour in the afternoon. All in all, a very well-organized and extremely informative training week!



Mid-Term check (9/4/2019)



On Tuesday April 9th our EU Project officer (PO), Charalampos Moschopoulos, came to Aalborg for the Mid-Term check. After an introduction from his side on the EU administrative side of things and an introduction from our side on the HealthPros Network, the stage was for the fellows, who gave excellent presentations on their work and progress made in the past months. After these presentations they had a restricted session with the PO, to discuss their experiences and indicate any issues. At the end of the day we received the first feedback from the PO; *“positive impression. Everybody productive, happy about projects. The immersion community and Network Management Committee are strengths.”*

All in all a very positive and interesting day!

Oscar Brito-Fernandez and Erica Barbazza won the X-mas competition!

In December 2018 we organized a X-mas competition with the question on “The best way to disseminate the HealthPros network to the general public” and we received input from almost all fellows. The ideas were discussed with the beneficiaries and Oscar and Erica are the proud winners of the X-mas competition. As a reward they received famous Dutch Stroopwafels in several different formats, and

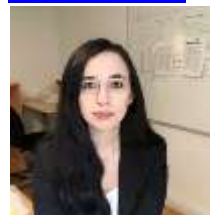
were invited to present their ideas at the Supervisory board meeting of the consortium during the meeting in Aalborg.



They gave a very nice presentation and they will work on their ideas for the coming half year, reporting again during the next meeting in Hamburg. In the meantime, they are already implementing their ideas and have restyled Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and Research Gate, resulting in a very active twitter community and a significant rise in the number of followers to 136!

Introducing...The team from Aalborg University in Denmark!

Pinar Kara



Where were you born?

In Ankara, Turkey.

What is your background?

I obtained my BSc and MSc in Statistics from Hacettepe

University, Turkey. During my master's degree I also had a chance to study abroad, at University of Bremen, Germany with Erasmus+ grant.

When did you start working at Psychiatry - Aalborg University Hospital?

I started working at Aalborg University Hospital on September 2018.

What is the main focus of your research?



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My research focuses on combining multiple indicators -which is called "composite indicators"- of quality of health care. They are increasingly used in assessing quality of health care since they are easier to interpret and present to the public- however the methodology behind them is not always clear. I will explore different approaches on constructing composite indicators and investigate how using different methods affects our results- including hospital rankings. Furthermore, I will look for the association between composite indicators and clinical outcome and also predictive accuracy of these measures in relation to clinical outcome.

What is the added-value of Marie-Curie European Training Networks in comparison to other types of (EU) research projects?

Continuous support on developing personal and professional skills and working in a multidisciplinary and international team are great advantages of Marie Curie ITN. Having a consortium, partner organizations and immersion community is a huge opportunity to collaborate and improve our work, expand our horizon and network.

What will you do as part of the HealthPros consortium?

I am one of the HealthPros fellows and based in Aalborg University Hospital. I will be conducting my studies as a part of the PhD programme that I am enrolled in. I will publish original articles in peer-reviewed journals, attend conferences, courses and workshops. I will gain further knowledge and strengthen my skills and knowledge and share them as much as I can. I will have secondments in Aarhus, Pisa and Hamburg and will have a chance to analyse if our methods/findings in Denmark using Danish clinical registries are also applicable to other countries and administrative databases. I will also teach some courses and co-supervise master's degree students at Aalborg University.

What is the biggest challenge for HealthPros?

Synthesizing results from 13 projects within HealthPros and making our results and knowledge actionable.

What do you do in your free time?

I love travelling! I love seeing new places, daily road trips or even just discovering new coffee places around the city. I also enjoy reading, meeting with friends and long walks along Limfjorden.

Yuanhang Yang



Where were you born?

In China.

What is your background?

I received my medical degree from Sun Yat-sen University in 2016, MSc in Health Policy from

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam in 2017. Prior to joining HealthPros network I worked as Statistical Programmer at Pfizer's Research & Development Center in Shanghai, China.

When did you start working at Psychiatry - Aalborg University Hospital?

In March 2019.

What is the main focus of your research?

My research focuses on disparities in quality of health care services in Denmark.

What is the added-value of Marie-Curie European Training Networks in comparison to other types of (EU) research projects?

An MSCA Innovative Training Network provides opportunities to connect with researchers, institutions and businesses within the specific field across countries, which will benefit the ESR's career development in the future. The availability of the funding provides the ESR enough financial support to extend his/her professional and academic skills.

What will you do as part of the HealthPros consortium?

I am working as an Early Stage Researcher and PhD candidate contributing to Healthcare



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Performance Measurement, one of the three work-packages.

What is the biggest challenge for HealthPros?

In my opinion, the biggest challenge for HealthPros is to achieve the goals under the given framework while coordinating with researchers across seven countries, the variety of health care systems and research infrastructure in different countries adds more difficulties on that.

What do you do in your free time?

Thanks to the flexibility of workplace culture in Denmark, I enjoy quite a lot of mobility working as a PhD candidate. In my free time, I like to explore the Danish nature and Nordic cuisine, and chill with friends.

Soren Paaske Johnsen



Where were you born?

In Denmark

What is your background?

I have an MD and a PhD degree in epidemiology from Aarhus University, Denmark. I started doing research as a medical

student and have been working within clinical epidemiology and health services research for more than two decades.

When did you start working at Psychiatry - Aalborg University Hospital?

I established the Danish Center for Clinical Health Services Research (DACS) together with colleagues in January 2018. DACS is a multidisciplinary research center and a joint venture between Aalborg University and Aalborg University Hospital.

What is the main focus of your research?

Evaluation of quality improvement initiatives, system- and patient-related variation in use of evidence-based care and evaluation of the safety and effectiveness of clinical interventions in routine clinical settings.

What is the added-value of Marie-Curie European Training Networks in comparison to other types of (EU) research projects?

The main advantage is the close international collaboration between the participating institutions and organisations. It strengthens not only the research fellows' network and projects, but also the capacity and competences of all participating institutions and organisations.

What will you do as part of the HealthPros consortium?

Member of the steering group and supervisor for the fellows located in Aalborg.

What is the biggest challenge for HealthPros?

The strict time plan and the high ambitions not only for the scientific quality of the individual projects, but also for the secondments of the fellows and the quite intense communication and dissemination activities is a challenging combination.

What do you do in your free time?

Trying to combine family life with outdoor sport activities.

Jan Mainz



Where were you born?

Denmark

What is your background?

MD and Ph.D. from Aarhus University, Denmark. Master of Public Administration (MPA)

from Copenhagen Business School. My clinical specialty is Public Health Medicine.

I am Professor of Health Services Research at DACS, Danish Center for Health Services Research, Aalborg University Hospital, Psychiatry and Aalborg University. I am affiliated Professor at Department for Community Mental Health, Haifa University, Israel and Department of Health Economics, University of Southern Denmark. I am former President of the Danish Society for Quality in



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Health Care and the European Society in Health Care. I am representing DK in the OECD, Working Party on Quality and Outcomes since 2002.

When did you start working at Psychiatry - Aalborg University Hospital?

I have been appointed as Medical Director 2007-2012. Since 2013 I am Director in Psychiatry, Region North Denmark. Dacs was established in 2018 as a multidisciplinary research center and a joint venture between Aalborg University, Aalborg University Hospital and Psychiatry in Region North Denmark.

What is the main focus of your research?

Health Services Research, Quality Improvement, PROM, PREM, PRIM

What is the added-value of Marie-Curie European Training Networks in comparison to other types of (EU) research projects?

This project is building networks for future health services research in Europe. The main advantage is the close international collaboration between Universities, participating institutions and organisations.

What will you do as part of the HealthPros consortium?

It is a privilege to be Member of the steering group and supervisor for the fellows located in Aalborg.

What is the biggest challenge for HealthPros?

To fulfill the proposal in terms of the time plan, the high ambitions for the scientific quality of the individual projects, and the secondments of the fellows.

What do you do in your free time?

I live an active family life with my wife and 6 children (I wrote 6!). I run and bike. My ambition is one Marathon per year

New HealthPros papers:

- **Brito Fernandes Ó**, Baji P, Kringos D, Klazinga N, Gulácsi L, Lucevic A, Boncz I, Péntek M. Patient experiences with outpatient care in Hungary: results of an online population survey. *Eur J Health Econ.* 2019 Jun;20(Suppl 1):79-90. doi: 10.1007/s10198-019-01064-z. Epub 2019 May 16.
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- **Kringos DS**, Groene O, Johnsen SP. Training the First Generation of Health Care Performance Intelligence Professionals in Europe and Canada. *Acad Med.* 2019 Jun;94(6):747-748. doi: 10.1097/ACM.0000000000002694.

Upcoming events:

11-15th November 2019

Fall Meeting, third training week ESRs in Germany.

30th of March - 2nd of April 2020

Spring Meeting, fourth training week ESRs in Italy.

For more information on the network and topics/input for the next newsletter please contact the project manager (Laurian Jongejan);

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