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This website is managed by the [Department of Health Care Management of the Berlin University of Technology](#). It will be updated regularly and incorporate also results from other research projects to provide most recent information about DRGs and hospital payment systems across Europe.

Countries

The EuroDRG project formed a team of researchers from [twelve European countries](#) ([Austria](#), [England](#), [Estonia](#), [Finland](#), [France](#), [Germany](#), [Ireland](#), [the Netherlands](#), [Poland](#), [Portugal](#), [Spain](#) and [Sweden](#)). They analysed the national DRG-based hospital payment systems by using qualitative and quantitative research methods. Beyond the project, the EuroDRG team still collaborates in ongoing research and upcoming publications. In addition to the countries mentioned above, [Denmark](#), [Hungary](#) and [Italy](#) were analysed within the [HealthBASKET](#) project which was the forerunner of the EuroDRG collaboration.

DRGs in Europe

Within the framework of the EuroDRG project each of the country specific DRG-based systems was analysed in a structured and comparative way. In addition literature reviews and overview articles on the most important DRG topics were conducted. Both, the country reports and overview articles were published in the book: [Diagnosis-Related Groups in Europe: Moving towards transparency, efficiency and quality in hospitals](#)



<http://www.mcgraw-hill.co.uk/html/0335245579.html>

Episodes of care

In order to analyse the DRG systems in depth and to make international comparisons possible, the EuroDRG team designed ten [episodes of care \(EoCs\)](#): [Acute myocardial infarction \(AMI\)](#), [Appendectomy](#), [Breast cancer surgery](#), [Childbirth](#), [Cholecystectomy](#), [Coronary artery bypass graft \(CABG\)](#), [Inguinal hernia surgery](#), [Hip replacement](#), [Knee replacement](#) and [Stroke](#). The EoCs are uniformly defined across countries through diagnosis and/or procedure codes and can be understood as 'meta-DRGs' which encompass varying numbers of actual DRGs within countries.

Patient classification

The analysis of the national DRG systems was twofold for each EoC: Firstly, We looked at the specific classification variables used by the 12 DRG systems (e.g., diagnosis, procedure, age, length-of-stay, death), the number of different DRGs and the resulting reimbursement for seven homogeneously

defined patients per EoC across countries. [The results are published so far for 7 out of 10 EoCs in medical journals.](#)

DRG system performance

Secondly, we evaluated the ability of the DRG systems to explain variation in resource consumption among patients and across hospitals for the ten episodes of care. The results were published in a supplement [Diagnosis-Related Groups in Europe \(EuroDRG\): Do they explain variation in hospital costs and length of stay across patients and hospitals?](#) in *Health Economics*.



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