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Key words: Libraries, Health information, Information science, Public health.

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The Italian arthroplasty registry website: a practical example to help patients (P125)

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Background. Since 2006, the National Institute of Health in Italy (ISS) is the coordinator of a project funded by the Ministry of Health aimed at organising a national registry of hip arthroplasties structured as a federation of regional registries. The registry started for hip implants and then extended to knee replacements. It involves the Ministry of Health and the National commission on medical devices, Regions, some regional registries (e.g. the ROLP in Lombardia and the RIPO in Puglia), the "Livio Sciutto Foundation" for Medical Research, a No-profit Social Organisation, the Italian society of orthopaedics and traumatology (SIOT), manufacturers' and patients' associations (Assobiomedica, APMAR). Aim of the project RIAP (Italian Arthroplasty Registry) is to organise a national registry for:

- maintaining under constant control the use of joint replacements;
- protecting patients safety.

The registry architecture is based on the following 3 main pillars:

- federation of regional registries coordinated by the ISS;
- data collection using information already available from the routinely collected data like the hospital discharge records integrated by additional information (minimum dataset);
- identification and characterization of the implanted device by linking to the medical device database active at the Ministry of Health since 2007.

Methods. This paper aims to introduce the RIAP website (www.iss.it/riap) and its future developments. The website has been created to collect data, to spread institutional information and to help patients to manage their disease and improve the quality and the safety of their healthcare, as well. At present the website is divided in different sections, one of which is devoted to patients. The patients section is considered the core of the portal and it will be soon enriched with different tools:

- a web platform with different web 2.0 tools (blog, forum and social network groups);
- a questionnaire used as a measure of patient quality of life to assess their opinion on their hip and associated problems;
- a set of forms that can be downloaded (examples of medical certificate, certificate for insurance etc.) or used as model for physicians and patients;
- qualified information on "hot" topics regarding arthroplasty and related implantable devices.



Conclusions. The active role of the patient to take decisions on her/his healthcare is now recognized. It is well known from the literature and is confirmed by studies on health literacy that *a close collaboration between physicians and patients can improve the quality of care and reduce costs*. Actually the achievement of this cooperation is strictly connected with the adoption of appropriate tools and qualified information. Due to the very large amount of arthroplasty annually performed in Italy, the RIAP website wants to represent a reference web information point, especially for patients. Also, the registry – through its portal – wants to play a major role in providing and disseminating relevant health-related information in the field of arthroplasty.

