

curriculum vitae – Dr. Stephan H. Schug, MD, MPH

Dr. Stephan H Schug, MD, MPH has been educated as a physician with a focus on public health.

As a recognised European eHealth expert he promotes the quality gains and the transformation of healthcare enabled by eHealth and telemedicine. He is currently Chief Medical Officer and partner in the management team of EHTEL, European Health Telematics Association, headquartered in Brussels, Belgium. Besides the association's newsletter "The Navigator" he has co-authored and edited various documents and recommendations related to the promotion and implementation of eHealth services and telemedicine in Europe.

Furthermore he has been part or is part of the EHTEL involvement to recent EU projects like i2-Health, Healthware, CALLIOPE Network, RADICAL and ETHICAL.

Dr. Schug lectures regularly at international conferences e.g. on eHealth interoperability, eHealth in the support of patient safety, ePrescribing etc. and serves international working-groups and expert forums as moderator or coordinator.

Regarding cross-border healthcare Stephan Schug has recognised in an earlier article an eHealth cross-border "tidal wave" materialised by many examples of intensified collaboration for eHealth interoperability in Europe. Hence the Commissions' proposal for a directive on patients rights in cross-border health care and the Commission recommendation on cross-border interoperability of electronic health record systems coincide neatly with the 2008 launch of both the epSOS Large Scale Pilot as well as the CALLIOPE Thematic Network on eHealth interoperability.