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**HEALTH STATISTICS USAGE FOR CERTAIN HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY AND
QUALITY RELATED PROBLEMS ASSESSMENT**

Supporting paper submitted by the Latvian Centre of Health Statistics ¹

Summary

Health information system in Latvia exploits following sources: for health care performance evaluation - mainly medical institution's annual reports; for morbidity data - notifications, certain patients registers, surveys; for socio-economical, behavioural and risk-factors data - surveys.

Historically more used was expanded reporting system (focused on health resources utilization figures). Patient's registers are being developed in recent years as a more elaborated health information source. Health surveys are relatively new patterns in health status evaluation.

Existed health information system inherited essential shortcomings:

- mainly institution based,
- lack of outcomes evaluation,
- cost-effectiveness analysis missing.
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Designing and implementing developed health information system (in line with health care reforms) accents are made on

- available outcomes and quality indicators,
- shift to population oriented statistics,

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