



**Cross-border health co-
operation in the Upper
Rhine region**

Health co-operation in the Upper Rhine region



Projects:

- Survey/research on medical specialies/specialisation in Upper Rhine region
- Cross-border data base of human guinea pigs (Probandenregister)
- Cross-border information system on infectious diseases EPI-Rhin
- Mapping of medical infrastructure in Upper Rhine region
- Co-operation of rescue services (ambulance, helicopter)
- Exchange of experience in addiction treatment

Health co-operation in the Upper Rhine region

Conferences:

- European Health Co-operation I (2005), II (2009) and III (2010)
- Exchange of experience in the field of adiposity with young persons
- Norovirus infections on Rhin cruises
- Cross-border commuters and avian flu

German-Swiss pilot project for crossborder patients' mobility



General facts:

- 50'000 cross-border commuters from F and D work in Basel region
- 15% of the active population in Basel region are cross-border commuters
- University hospital Basel: 18% of the labour force lives in neighboring country
- 6,5 % of medical care for patients from abroad (75% of those coming from Baden-Württemberg)
- University children's hospital: 33% of the labour force lives in neighboring country

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Different possibilities in cross-border health co-operation:

- Patient follows treatment/services/hospital > pilot project
 - Physician follows patient > pilot project
 - Patients' information and medical know-how is transferred electronically > eHealth / telemedicine
- > Patients with basic insurance in focus!

German-Swiss pilot project for cross-border patients' mobility



Legal basis:

- Swiss legislation: Provisory revision of Swiss health insurance legislation for pilot project (territorial principle)
- Discussion of permanent suspension of territorial principle in Swiss legislation after pilot project in 2014
- German law allows cross-border patients' mobility

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Basic info:

- Geographically restricted: BS and BL (CH), Landkreis Lörrach (D)
- All fields of medical services admitted
- Duration: 2007-2009/2014
- Pilot project is accompanied by scientific research and evaluation

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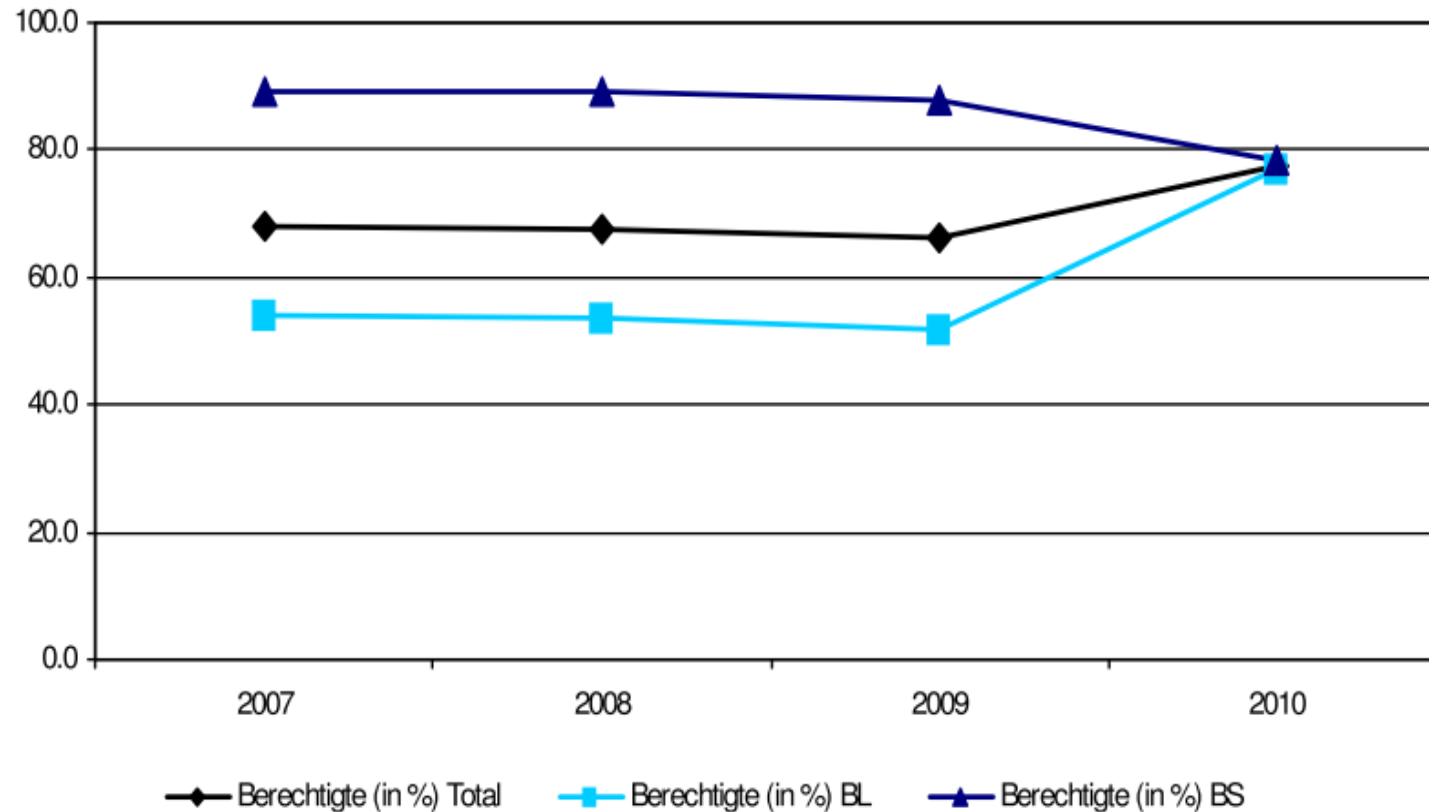
Insurance companies and service providers involved:

- 22 Swiss insurance companies (market share BS: 65%, market share BL 45%)
- 5 German insurance companies (market share: 85%)
- 8 Swiss hospitals
- 13 German hospitals



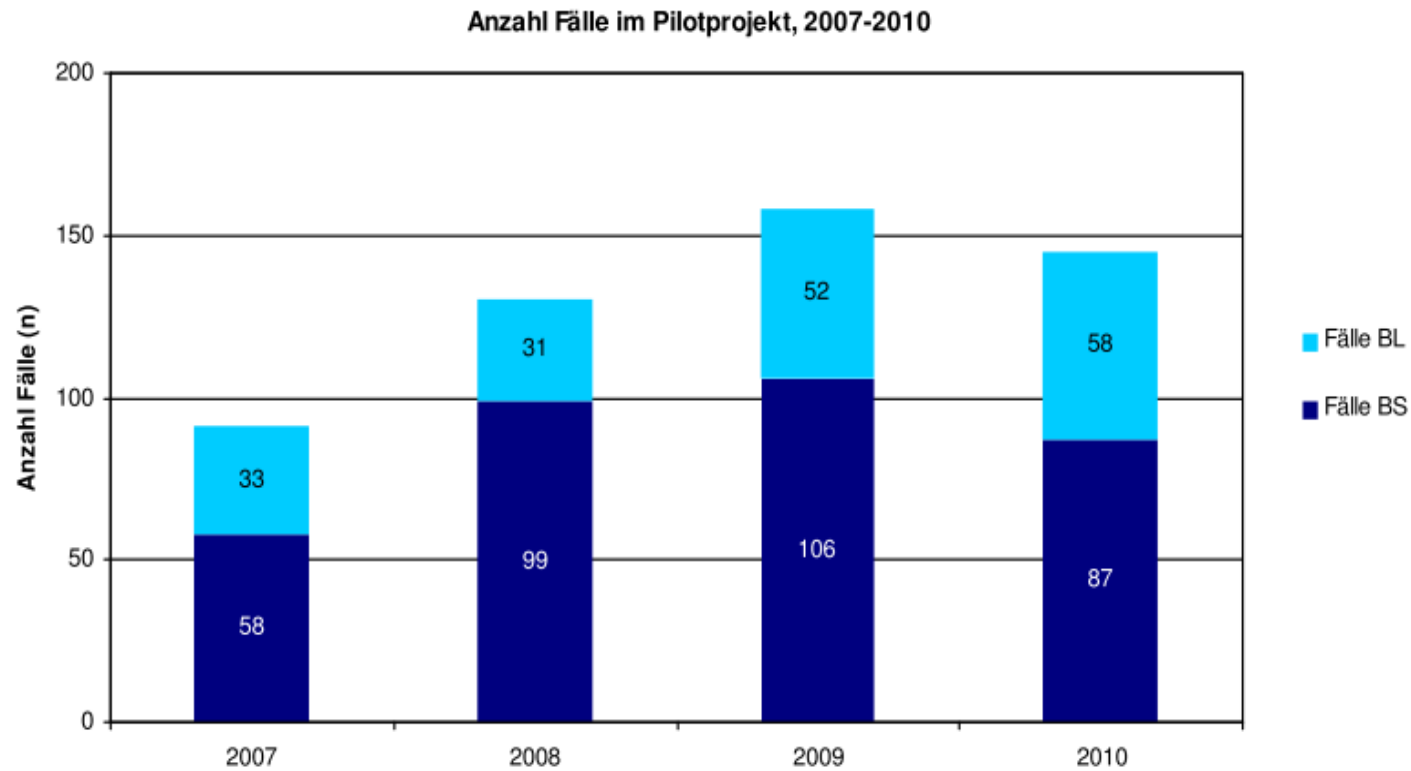
Number of admitted persons in pilot project

Anteil Berechtigte zur Teilnahme im Pilotprojekt (in%)





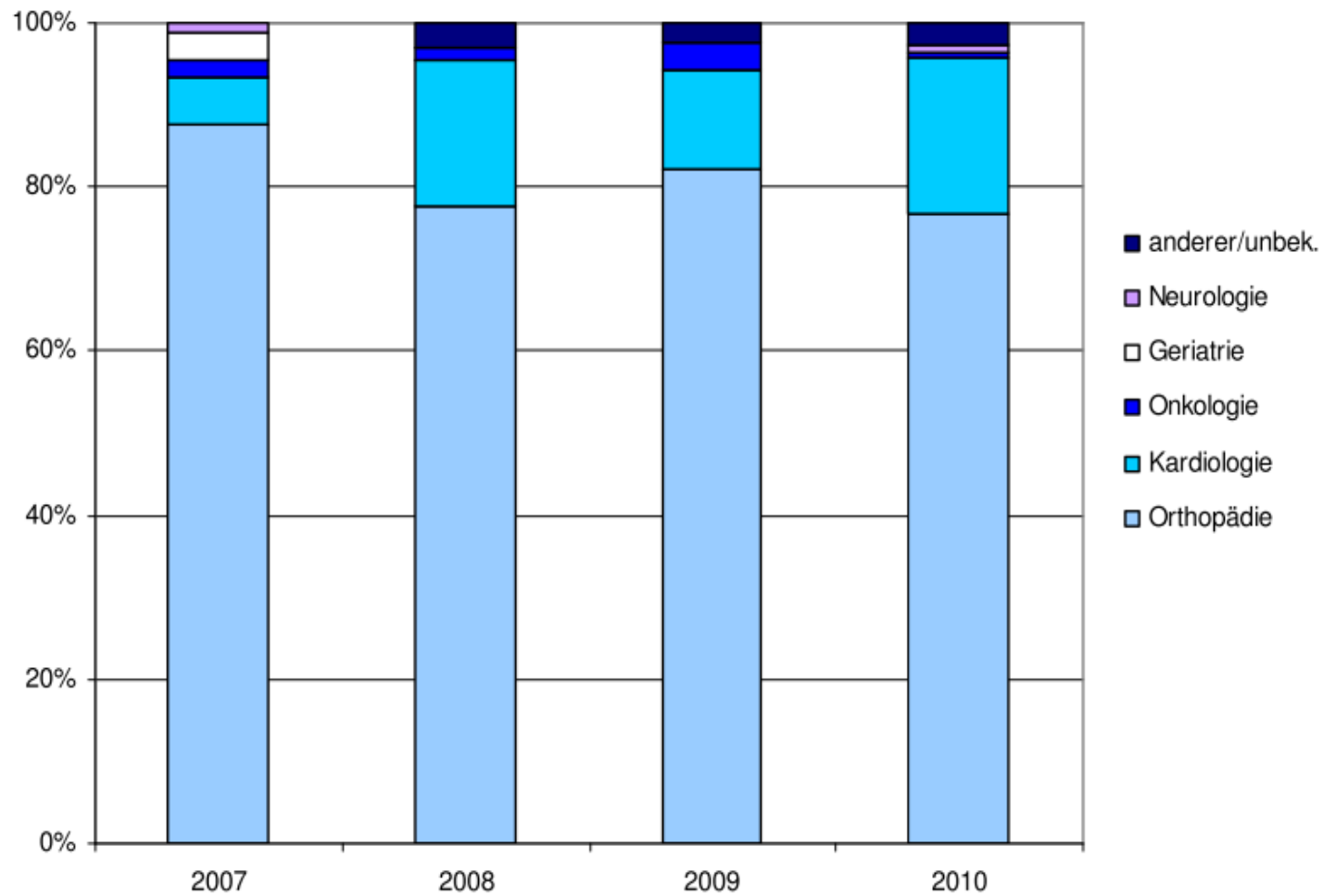
Number of cases Switzerland > Germany





Fields of medical services

Leistungsart Rehabilitation: Anteil Leistungsbereich (in%)

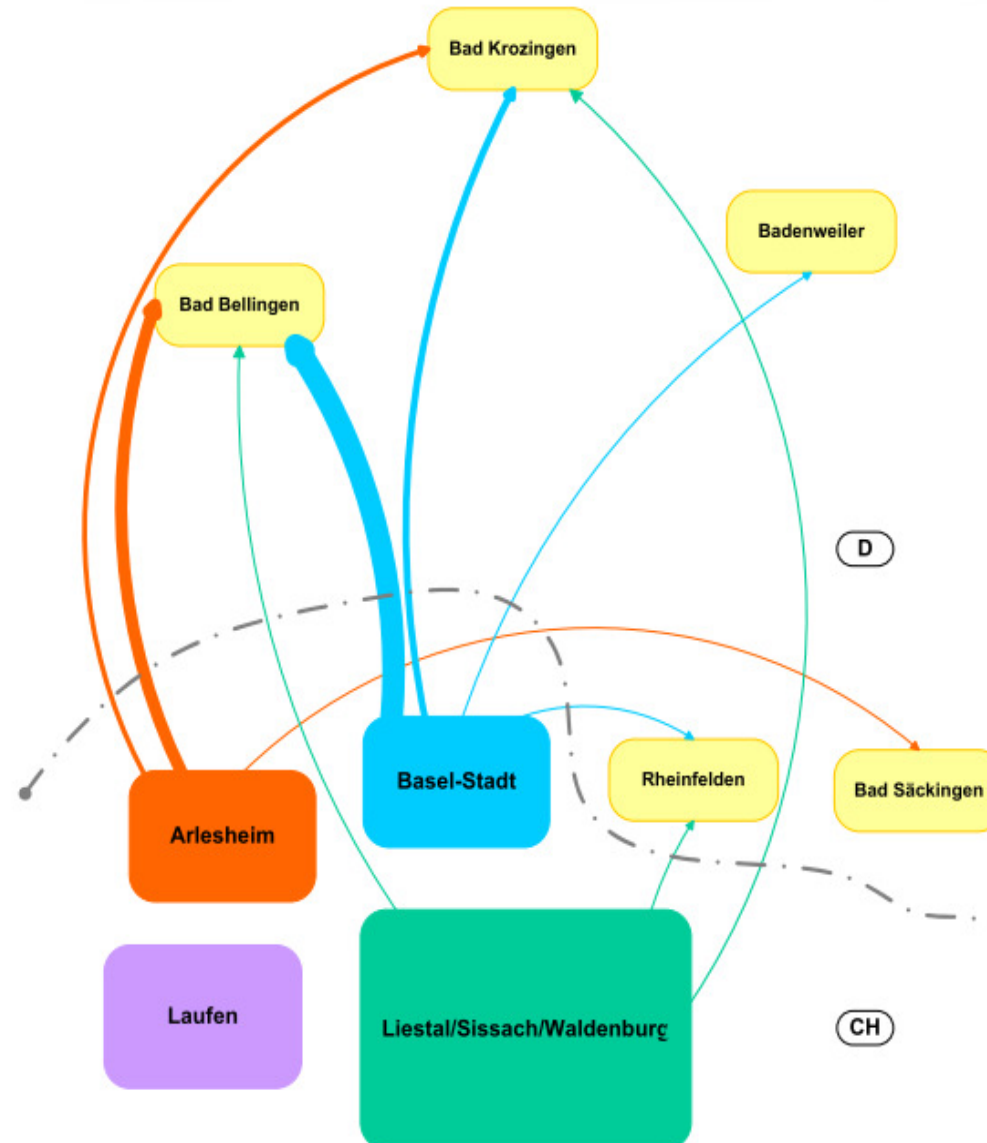




Patients' flow 2010 Switzerland > Germany

Patientenflüsse im
Pilotprojekt

Basler Bezirke →
Deutsche Klinikstandorte



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- Number of patients using new offer within bilateral pilot project is still small – but slowly growing
- Rehabilitation services are the most important field for Swiss patients in Germany
- For a better and wider use of the cross-border offers new measures are needed:
 - More and better information towards patients, insurances and physicians
 - Improving network among service providers
 - New methods of measuring cross-border flows