



## EFN Policy Statement on Value-Based Health and Social Ecosystem

The European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN) represents over three million nurses and is the independent voice of the profession. The mission of the EFN is to promote the interests, status and practice of the profession of nursing in the EU.

Until now, efficiency in healthcare has been interpreted mostly in terms of cost-reductions. More recently, policymakers have interpreted the notion of value according to the willingness of health systems to measure outcomes. In a well-functioning ecosystem, the creation of value for patients and citizens should be the main objective of all actors involved. Value-based health care is therefore a concept supported by the nursing profession **if** it goes beyond cost-control.

Although the European Commission usually has a very economic approach towards value-driven health ecosystems, it is important that the measurement of “outcomes” are designed **with and for patients**, bringing in the notion of quality of life. To give deployment a real chance, based on evidence-based research, key stakeholders need to lead and support frontline staff.

The EFN therefore:

- Calls for a stronger focus on health outcomes, and more robust health outcomes measurement, including patient experience and nursing-sensitive data;
- Emphasises that focus should be to improve the quality of care for patients, should be personal centred, strengthen public health interventions and contribute to the wider economic goals and societal well-being;
- Reminds stakeholders and industry that nurses are to a large extent responsible for the collection of healthcare data;
- Promotes the design of electronic tools that support nurses in their daily work and facilitate the easy and fast collection of relevant data;
- Calls for more initiatives that link the field of nursing to value-based approaches which are less disease-oriented and more person-centred.

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