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### Bulgaria Launches Electronic Health Records

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As the entry point for its first electronic health records, Bulgaria has launched a national health portal. The portal will provide state administration employees access to an electronic version of the paper-based Personal Ambulatory Book that is used to keep track of medical appointments.

The Electronic Personal Ambulatory book will give physicians access to information about diagnoses and medical documents such as reports, radiographies and scans. There is also an emergency data set that includes blood type, allergy and chronic illness information as well as the next of kin to contact in case of emergency.

Developed by Inter Component Ware (ICW) with Bulgarian provider of medical practice management systems,

Kontrax, medical information from the health record can be exchanged automatically with its practice management system, Hippocrates.

The portal will also give Bulgarians access to the latest health information and a registry of doctors, hospitals and pharmacies.

For more information, please visit: [www.zdravenportal.bg/site/index.jsf](http://www.zdravenportal.bg/site/index.jsf)

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