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## France - French Health Portal Provides Information about Health Institutions

The French Ministry of Health has recently introduced the PLATINES health portal (PLATeforme d'INformations sur les Etablissements de Santé) allowing the public to obtain detailed information about health institutions in Metropolitan France and in the French Overseas Departments and Territories. The Ministry of Health collects the data annually as part of the annual statistics of health institutions (SAE) compilation and the programme for medicalisation of the information systems (PMSI).

The portal is aimed at the general public as well as health professionals, health institutions and those seeking indicators on health institutions. The PLATINES portal provides information on services, facilities and quality of care in both private and public hospitals. Users can also find out about key features like equipment and medical, surgical or obstetrical activities.

Also available are the results of measurements of quality of care, rates of hospital-acquired infections and accreditation.

For more information, please visit: www.platines.sante.gouv.fr

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