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The impact of DRG payment system on length of stay and hospital readmissions in Switzerland

Diagnosis related group (DRG) payment system has not led to early discharges or increase in hospital readmissions

Neuchâtel, 21.06.2011 (Obsan) – **A new study from the Swiss Health Observatory (Obsan) concludes that the DRG-based payment system introduced in some Swiss hospitals between 2002 and 2008 has not led to a decline in quality: patients being discharged too early or an increase in hospital readmissions due to insufficient hospital care have not been observed. These results are important with regard to the coming year, as a new DRG-based payment system will be introduced nationwide at the start of 2012.**

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GDK Schweizerische Konferenz der kantonalen Gesundheitsdirektorinnen und -direktoren
CDS Conférence suisse des directrices et directeurs cantonaux de la santé
CDS Conferenza svizzera delle direttrici e dei direttori cantonali della sanità

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