

# Patients Included: 2018 e-health week



E-health Week 2018 would be pleased if they can be Patients Included accredited. The E-Healthweek 2018 Ministerie VWS, ECP & IKONE organize the E-Healthweek 2018

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“We want to connect people with Ehealth and let them experience the possibilities of Ehealth.

- Website: [www.ehealthweek.net](http://www.ehealthweek.net)
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- Information VWS: [gb.mentink@minvws.nl](mailto:gb.mentink@minvws.nl)

Anyone can join the E-healthweek 2018, healthcare-organisations, innovators, educational institutions, hospitals, patient-organisations, etc. Anyone can sign up as a partner. At this moment we have about 150 partners.

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The Patients Included charter provides conference organizers with a means of demonstrating that their events are committed to incorporating the experience of patients as experts in living with their condition while ensuring they are neither excluded nor exploited. Patients Included status is self-assessed. A conference successfully meeting all five of the charter's clauses may accredit itself as a Patients Included event. E-Health week fulfills the five Patients Included charter clauses in the following ways:

***I Patients or caregivers with experience relevant to the conference's central theme actively participate in the design and planning of the event, including the selection of themes, topics and speakers.***

Patients were invited to join the advisory committee: Anne-Miek Vroom ([www.ikone.nl](http://www.ikone.nl)) and Kristel Schumacher (IKONE) have been involved from the beginning (September 2017). They organize feedback from members of the Patient Expertise Team of IKONE (52 patients). We also ask Patient Federation Netherlands and PGOsupport (200 pt organizations) and other patient organizations for advise (Pharos, UniekBO, Viziris). In this committee we discussed:

1. Patient representation on the committee provided feedback and suggestions about  
- the conference theme, invited speakers, and the call for abstracts.
2. Weekly online or offline consultation with IKONE Foundation and sometimes others.
3. Consultations on program components & patient involvement during the sessions, consultation on the participation of patients as a guest and as an active persons.
4. Special facilities during the Ehealth week (accessibility, parking places, etc.)

Patients organizations are involved with the invitations for patients. Patient Federation, leder(in), Anbo, Unie KBO, and Lpggz receive .....free tickets. This only in case one of the partners organize an event where entrance fee is requested.

***II Patients or caregivers with experience of the issues addressed by the event participate in its delivery, and appear in its physical audience.***

- Patients, consumers, and caregivers were explicitly invited to submit to the call for abstracts
- Anne-Miek Vroom, Patient Experts IKONE (52 people with a chronic disease)
- Patient Federation
- PGO-support

Pm for all events see website [www.ehealthweek.net](http://www.ehealthweek.net)

***III Travel and accommodation expenses for patients or caregivers participating in the advertised program are paid in full, in advance. Scholarships are provided by the conference organizers to allow patients or caregivers affected by the relevant issues to attend as delegates.***

- The costs of travel and accommodation were budgeted for patient speakers and participants.
- Registration fees for patient attendees are also covered.
- Specific request for travel support can be made.
- Travel companions, dogs, facilities for deaf and hard of hearing are supplied.
- Q&A's are available for specific questions
- Patient travel and accommodation expenses paid in full in advance as required by the charter

***IV The disability requirements of participants are accommodated. All applicable sessions, breakouts, ancillary meetings, and other program elements are open to patient delegates.***

- Two Patients and two consumer representatives give advise to optimize the program and the location to be accessible for patient delegates.

- A resting room is available for patients.

***V Access for virtual participants is facilitated, with free streaming video provided online wherever possible.***

- For the plenary meetings, a live free streaming video will be made available.
- The track sessions will be placed online shortly after the meeting has taken place.

***VI Patients, caregivers, and patient advocates who will be participating in and attending ehealth week include:***

- Dianda Veldman Patient Federation
- Anne-Miek Vroom, Kristel Schumacher and IKONE Patient Expert Teammembers (stichting Ikone)
- PGO support Liesbeth Meijkens
- Laurens Rijpstra, Patienten federatie
- Jasper Wagteveld
- Patients nominated by patient organisations
- Patients participating in the sessions

***VII Patients, caregivers, and patient advocates will lead or participate in panels and presentations at eHealth including:***

Patient involvement is paramount for effective policymaking when we talk about the subject of e-health. After all it is the patient or user who is in the end the real expert on their health and diseases. They are present in the session as a participant or as a speaker directly or through videopresentation.