Abstract

Monitoring, measuring and enforcing the quality of healthcare in Belgium: past, present and future
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The Belgian Act on the Exercise of the healthcare professions is exactly fifty years old (10 November 1967). Since then the Belgian healthcare system has changed towards a more central role for the patients, with a focus on quality of care.

In the current reform of this Act of 1967 we will create, besides an update of the regulation regarding the exercise of the healthcare professions, also an Act on the quality of practice of healthcare. This presentation will give an overview of the measures taken in this new Act to enforce the quality of healthcare in Belgium. The presentation is structured on lessons learnt from the report “Caring for quality” of 2016 of the OECD.