

BEMEDTECH HOME CARE ROUNDTABLE REPORT

Delay of standard care and overload of hospital capacity during Covid pointed out the **need for more outside-hospital treatments.**

Treatments of sleep apnea, oxygen therapy, kidney dialysis, and medical nutrition, are already well-fitted to be executed at home. These types of outside-hospital treatments show great potential.

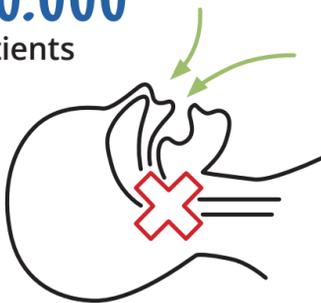
However, the lack of legal framework, accreditation, digital infrastructure and direct reimbursement are still putting limits to improved homecare service in Belgium.

BELGIAN HOMECARE TODAY

SLEEP APNEA

> **150.000**
patients

100%
treated at home



Cost per patient

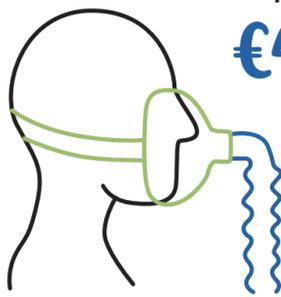
€2.300
in first year

€860
annually in
subsequent years

OXYGEN THERAPY

> **99%**
treated at
home

+/- **30.000**
short term patients



Total yearly cost
€40.000.000

> **12.000**
long term
patients

KIDNEY DIALYSIS

9%
treated at home

> **8.000** patients



Total yearly cost
€425.000.000



MEDICAL NUTRITION

18,5%
treated
at home



Total yearly cost
€30.000.000

> **7.000**
patients

BENEFITS OF HOME TREATMENTS

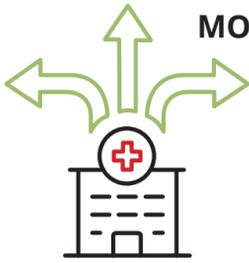


MORE FREEDOM FOR PATIENTS

because homecare can offer solutions that better suit the daily life of patients. Especially for chronic patients, whose condition already significantly impacts their freedom.

BETTER QUALITY OF CARE

because tailored treatments and lower stress levels in trusted environment lead to better compliance and quality.



MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR HOSPITALS

because home treatments release the pressure on their capacity.

FOCUS ON CARE

because home care lowers the administrative workload for doctors and allows them to spend more time on diagnosis and professional advice.



COST-EFFECTIVENESS

because home care stimulates innovation and increases cost-effectiveness of new and existing procedures.

RECOMMENDATIONS



EVOLVE TOWARDS A HYBRID HOSPITAL-HOMECARE MODEL

Allocate treatment per specific situation

Choose best location

Hospitals as data and monitoring centers

CREATE A LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Discern clear responsibilities for homecare provider with high quality standards



FINANCE HOME CARE PROVIDERS DIRECTLY FOR THEIR ACTIVITIES

Avoid misuse

Increase visibility on the allocation of the RIZIV-INAMI-NIHI budget

Generate savings and higher effectiveness

INVEST IN INFRASTRUCTURE, TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY

Make homecare accessible

Enhance patient communication
Apply patient centric approach:
patient empowerment

Support and monitor patient: coaching and telemonitoring where possible for a higher therapy compliance

