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MONITORING PATIENTS WITH CANCER PAIN THROUGH A TABLET DEVICE SYSTEM

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Background

Pain represents one of the most important manifestations of the disease

Pain and especially chronic pain can have a significant negative impact on the quality of life for patients and their family

Wrong or absent pain management creates consequences on

- physical
- psychological
- social
- economic

Chronic pain affects about 25-30% of the population



Clinical care of this aspect is a real priority for the health care system

Project partners

Pilot project developed and tested at IRCCS Fondazione Salvatore Maugeri (FSM), Pavia, Italy

- Laboratory of informatics and system engineering for clinical research
- Oncology 1 Medical Division



Project partners:



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Specific Aims

Improve the pain treatment strategy by monitor and measure type and the amount of pain perceived by cancer patients

Pilot patient set:

- Coming from FSM Oncology 1 Medical Division
- suffering from cancer pain in any stage of disease

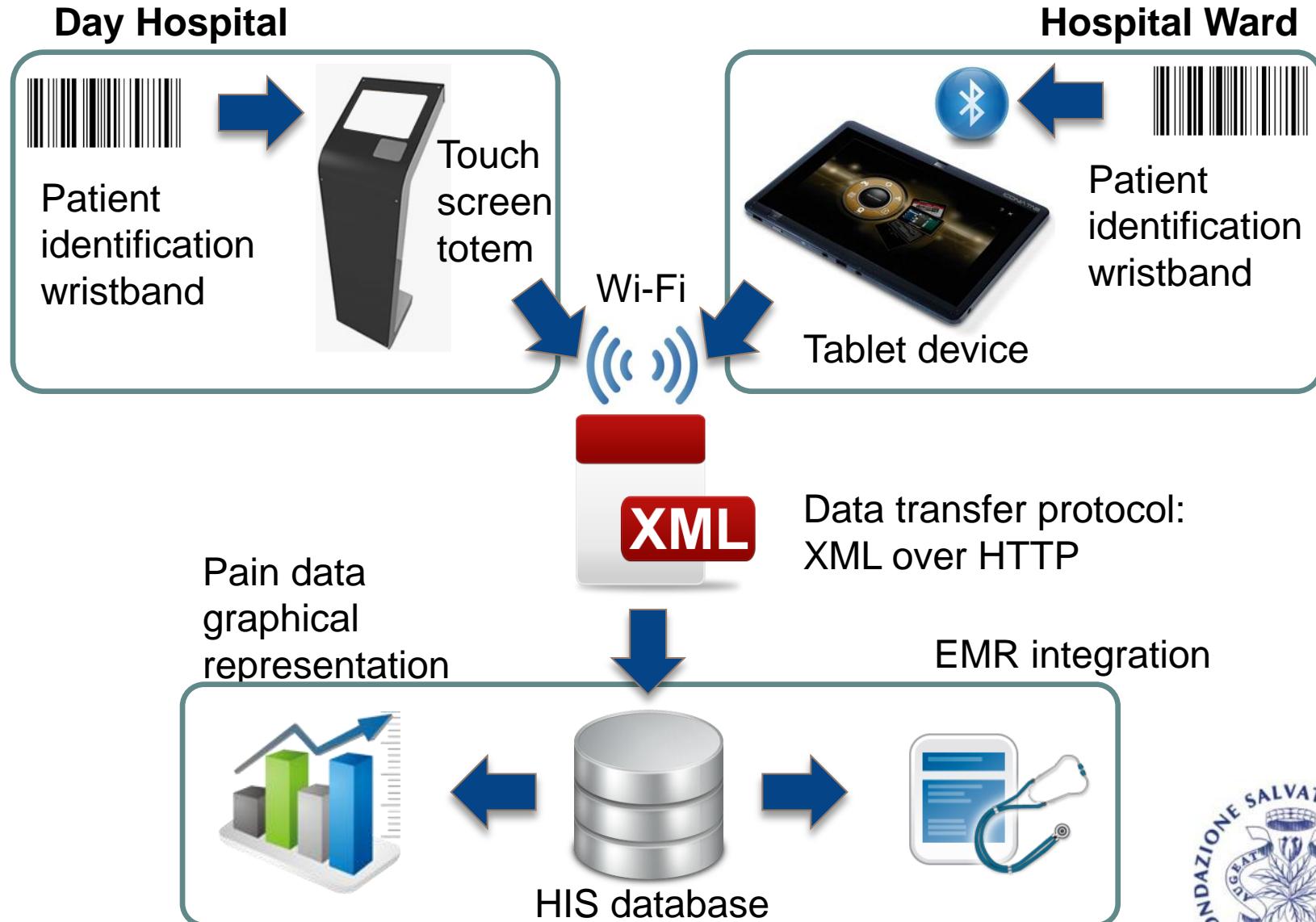
Issues:

- Pain information missing in EMR
- Pain Information collected in a non structured manner
- Patients therapies not really reflect the patient pain status

Project targets:

- collect pain information in a standardized way
- provide patients with a tool for easy communicate their pain
- provide physicians with a system to improve the treatment of cancer pain and measure the deviation of the prescribed therapies respect with medical guidelines
- merge pain information with the EMR

System Architecture



Client side

Devices:

- 1 touch screen workstation – for DH spontaneous reports
O.S. Microsoft Seven
- 2 tablet computer – for bedridden patients
O.S. Google Android v2.2.3 Froyo

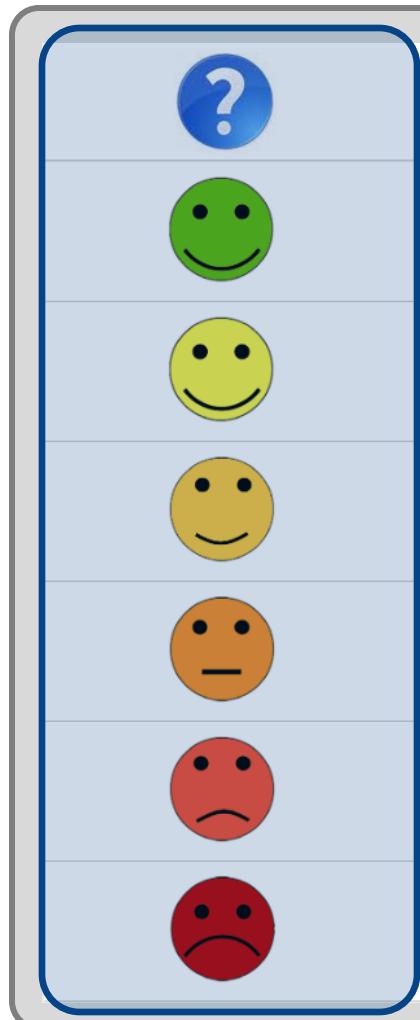


Client Side App:

- Based on NRS (Numerical Rating Scale) and VAS (Visual Analogue Scale) for pain report
- Web application for Microsoft O.S.
- Wrapped using WebView class in an apk application for Android O.S.

Data Transfer protocol:

- XML defined with XSD schemas
- REST Web Services over HTTP



Visual Analogue Scale



Numeric Rating Scale

Data Visualization

The information collected will be used to

- create pain trend charts
- create descriptive statistics and reports
- monitor the efficacy of therapy

For each pain report can be added information related to

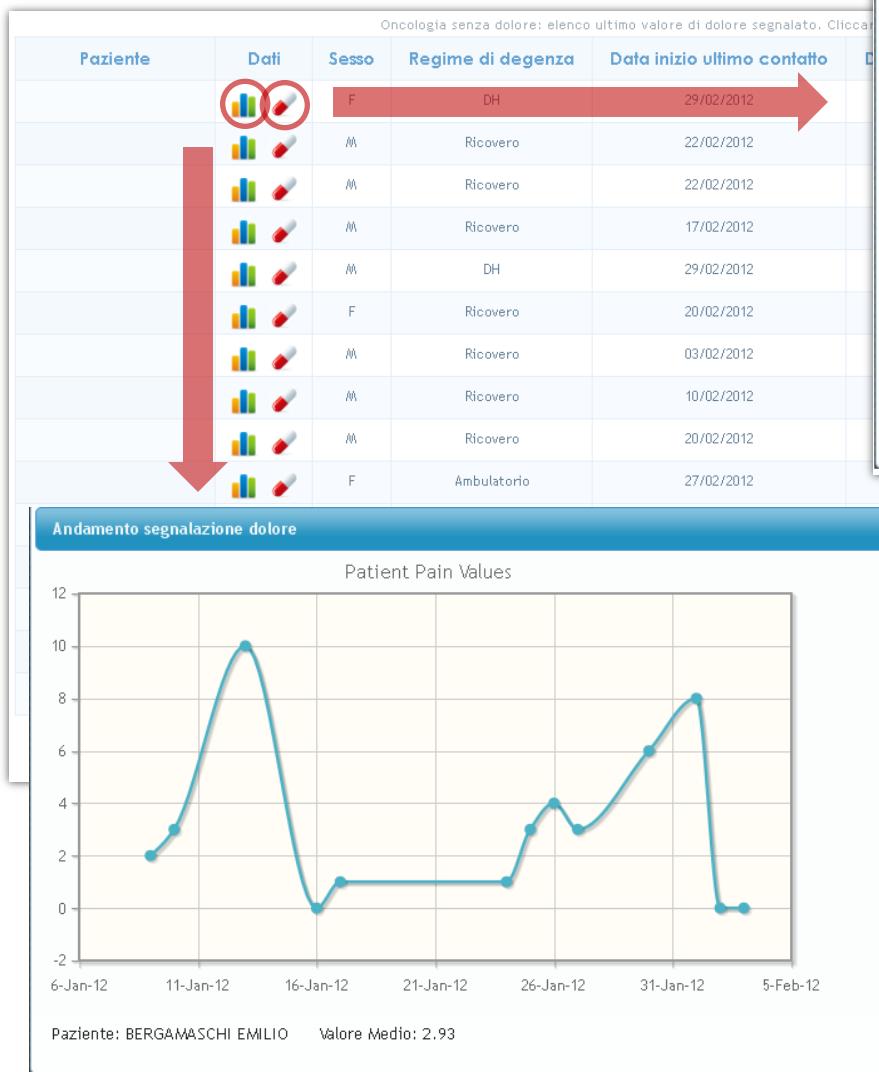
- drugs type
- active principle
- dose of drugs

Physicians can observe

- progress of pain values for each patient
- direct relationship between therapeutic treatment and values of pain
- adherence to guidelines recommendations
- measure of satisfaction in the analgesic therapy

Data visualization

Pain Data Graphical application v1.2



Gestione Terapie

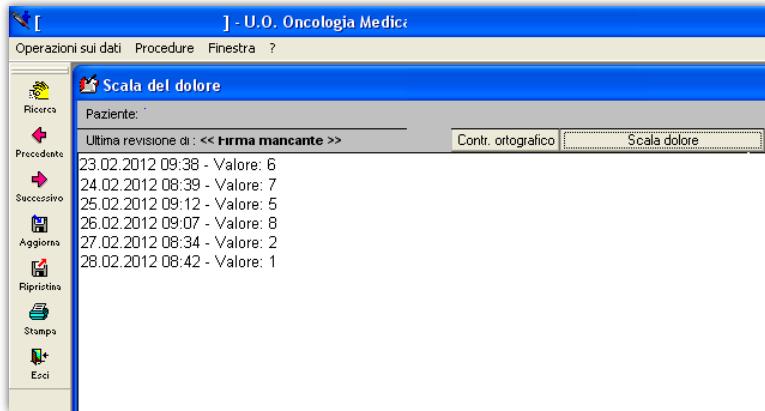
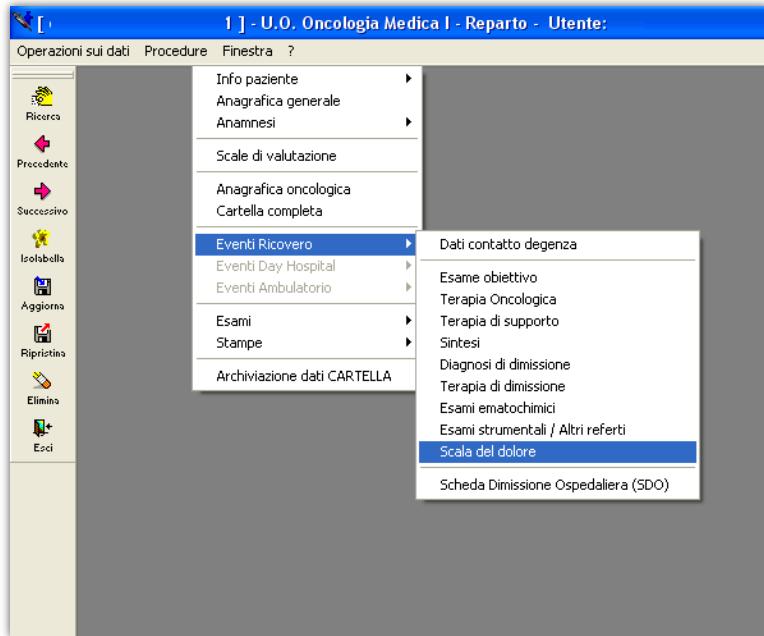
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EMR data intergation

Pain data is fully integrated in the FSM EMR system



Results

Ward	Start date	Patients	Reports	Report/Patient	Ward Avg Value
Oncology 1	29-11-2011	181	1017	5.6	1.8
Palliative Care	24-04-2012	31	218	7	2.1

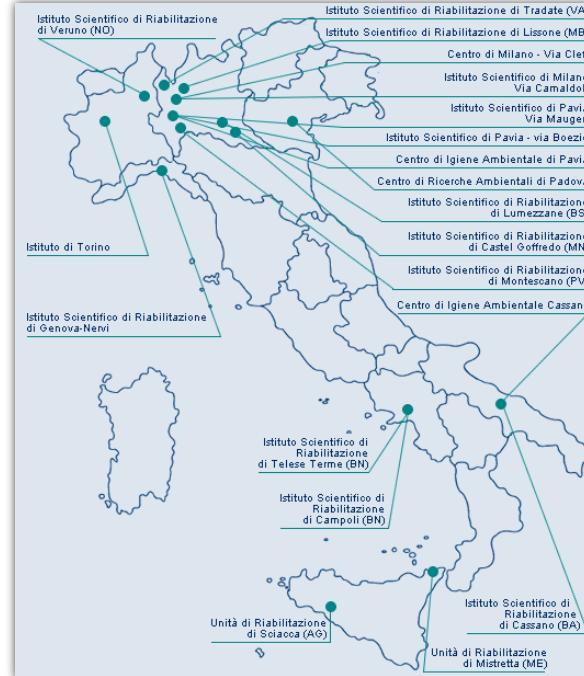
Conclusions

The development of an IT system that allow physician supervising, collecting and treating pain levels permit to:

- improve the treatment of pain through standardized diagnostic and therapeutic pathways defined by cancer guidelines
- educate patients to communicate pain and cooperate with physicians to fight against it
- increase the valuable information on the type of pain present in the medical records
- keep proper track of the level of pains (mandatory information from march 2010)

Future Developments

Extend the pilot project ot other Medical Division and other FSM venues



Telemedicine

- improved patient access to healthcare using Androi based smartphones



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