



After a too long period of social distancing, webinars, online-conferences and absence of real academic and social events, we are looking forward to see each other from 20 until 22 April 2022 in the lovely city of Ghent, Belgium, one of Europe's best hidden secrets! It offers a combination of the history offered by Belgium's Bruges and the vibrant livelihood of Belgium's Antwerp. Or in other words: the perfect setting to once again meet in person and discuss the future of health law!

One of the most important lessons learned from the COVID-19-crisis is that we need to be able to trust on our healthcare to be patient-centered, effective, safe, efficient, equitable and timely, or in other words that we need to be able to trust on the quality of our healthcare. Health law plays a vital role with regard to quality of healthcare, not only through liability and sanctioning mechanisms when the quality and safety in healthcare was not enough, but also and foremost in creating frameworks through which the quality of healthcare can be guaranteed.

This conference will therefore offer a unique programme of distinguished keynote speakers, workshops and oral and poster presentations on broad scientific issues covering the conference theme: "Quality in healthcare. Can the law help to guarantee safe and reliable care for the patient?" This conference theme will be divided in 4 subthemes:

1. Quality and safety (Right to quality of care; Liability & compensation; Alternative mechanisms for liability & compensation; Standard of care, ...)
2. Quality of healthcare professionals & practices (Recognition, accreditation & certification; Quality measurement; Inspection mechanisms, deontology & disciplinary sanctions; Free movement of healthcare professionals, ...)
3. Quality and new technology (Artificial Intelligence, Enhancement of healthcare , Personalized medicine, ...)
4. Quality of health data governance (Health data governance; Quality of data; Quality of care and GDPR; Research with health data, ...)

It is with great joy and enormous pleasure that we invite you, researchers, clinicians, educators, policy makers in health law to present your work on the 8th European Conference on Health Law, "Quality in healthcare. Can the law help to guarantee safe and reliable care for the patient?", from 20-22 April 2022!

Welcome in Ghent!

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**Early bird registration and abstract submission before 31 December 2021.**

Conference website: [www.healthlaw2022.eu](http://www.healthlaw2022.eu)

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