



## AMIS Plus Newsletter Nr. 2 – September 2002

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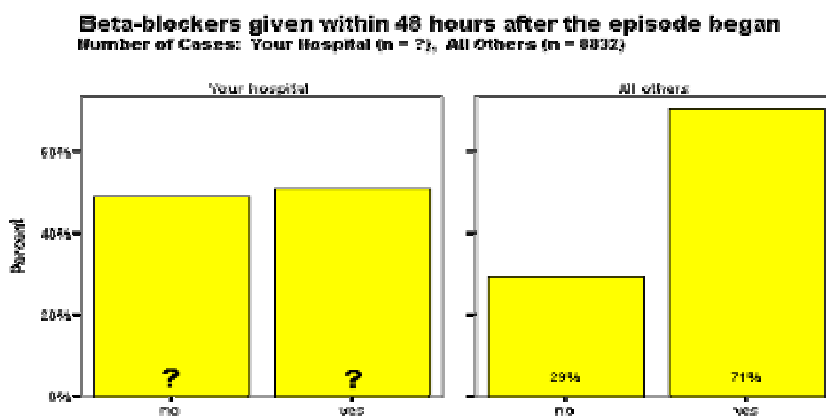
This late summer we would like to bring you the latest news from the AMIS Plus Project.

### Online Benchmarking is Available!

In the graph, the performance of the participating hospital in cardiac care can be seen in comparison with all other AMIS Plus hospitals using indicators such as medication within 48 hours, door-to-needle time for thrombolysis (only hospitals of same size) and duration of hospitalisation. We have sent out passwords to all active and former hospitals, if there are enough cases. All other hospitals may look at our Dummies Page. Select hospital "Test" Benchmarking on [www.amis.ethz.ch](http://www.amis.ethz.ch)

An Example:

Between January 1997 and March 2002 a total of 71% of patients received a beta blocker.



Beta blockers are effective in long term secondary prevention after myocardial infarction, but they are underused in such cases and lead to avoidable mortality and morbidity (Freemantle et al. BMJ 1999; 318:1730). Beta-blockers should be started early in the absence of contraindications (ACC/AHA Guideline Update 2002).

The analysis for this time frame clearly shows an increasing use of secondary prophylaxis with beta blockers from 60% in 1997 to 82% for the year 2001, reaching 89% for the 8 months 2002.

### Your opinion is important to us!

AMIS Plus Manual is now available also in German and French.

Would you like the questionnaires (Paper & Online) to be available in other national languages?

yes  no

Please send us your reply until 31 October, 2002

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We look forward to hearing from you if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely

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