**secunet konnektor is the first connector to be approved for the "ePA" field test**

***[Essen, Germany, 18 December 2020]* The secunet konnektor in the "ePA" software version is the first connector to enter the field test for evaluating the specialised module for the electronic patient file. gematik granted approval for the field test on 18 December 2020, thus laying the foundation for the first practices and insured persons to be able to use the electronic patient file.**

The long-awaited German electronic patient file (ePA) thus enters its first round. In the field test, selected institutions are equipped with the new software version. The connector provides the necessary specialised module that enables the software systems of the medical service providers to communicate with the new record systems.

The field test is an important prerequisite for the final approval of the new connector version, as all technical elements can be tested in the real environment in interaction with the users. In addition to the field test, there are further steps to be taken for the final approval.

Being the first manufacturer to be approved for the field test once again demonstrates the expertise and performance of secunet and its partner eHealth Experts in the development of connectors.

Every secunet konnektor already in use – both in the single-box connector design and in the data centre connector design – is prepared for the "ePA" version. The specialised module is distributed and activated as a software update, but initially only for the field test partners.

The secunet konnektor has been used by medical service providers to connect to the telematics infrastructure (TI) since the end of 2018 and was developed in its two forms together with eHealth Experts GmbH. It aims to go beyond the technical requirements in order to meet customers' demands for usability and user-friendliness. secunet expects more than 75,000 installations of the secunet konnektor by the end of 2020.

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