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## SOCIAL CARE COOPERATIVES

There are few cooperatives in Switzerland related to the subject of this survey: Two social care cooperatives, four pharmacy cooperatives, and one pharmacy-related cooperative have been found in the course of research.

**Coopérative de Soins Infirmiers (CSI)** and **IDP Medical** are both social care cooperatives in Switzerland. Coopérative de Soins Infirmiers brings together independent nurses who provide domiciliary care. It is a producer cooperative and is based in Geneva. IDP Medical is a producer cooperative that offers domiciliary care and hospitalization services at home. It has four branches throughout Switzerland and is based in Geneva.

## SOCIAL CARE COOPERATIVES DATA

Number of cooperatives	2
Types of cooperative	Producer
Number of members	Over 317
Number of employees	N/A
Users	Over 1,470
Facilities	N/A
Services offered	Illness prevention; Wellness and health promotion; Treatment and cure; Rehabilitation
Annual turnover	N/A

Population (in thousands): 7,997

Population median age (years): 41.85

Population under 15 (%): 14.79

Population over 60 (%): 23.25

Total expenditure on health as a % of Gross Domestic Product: 11.3

General government expenditure on health as a % of total government expenditure: 20.6

Private expenditure on health as a % of total expenditure: 38.3

## COOPERATIVE PHARMACIES

Four cooperative pharmacies were identified in Switzerland: Coop Vitality and Pharmacies Geno (both retailer cooperatives), and two second-level cooperatives, Ofac and Apodata. Coop Vitality is part of the large Coop Société Coopérative Group and counts 55 pharmacies as members throughout Switzerland. Pharmacies Geno is a locally-based cooperative with three pharmacy members. Two-thirds of Switzerland's pharmacies are members of Ofac, which provides them with administrative and IT support. Apodata collects

and sells the sales data of its pharmacy members. They numbered 250 in 2005.<sup>1</sup>

## PHARMACY COOPERATIVES DATA

Number of cooperatives	4
Types of cooperatives	4 User
Number of members	N/A
Installations	Over 1,338 pharmacies

## SOCIAL CARE COOPERATIVES

Name of co-op	Type			Members	Employees			Types of service					Annual turnover	
	User	Producer	Multistakeholder		NB	Doctors	Nurses	Other health prof	Others	Illness & accident prevention	Wellness & health promotion	Treatment and cure		Rehabilitation
Coopérative de Soins Infirmiers <sup>2</sup>		X		317	N/A		X			X	X	X	X	N/A
IDP Medical <sup>3</sup>		X		N/A	N/A		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N/A

PHARMACY COOPERATIVES

Name of cooperative	Type			Members	Annual turnover	Field of activity
	User	Producer	Multistake holder			
Coop Vitality/ Coop Société Coopérative <sup>4</sup>	X			2,537,859 members (Coop Société Coopérative)	\$35,636,400 USD (26,967,000 EUR)	Coop Vitality has 55 pharmacies in Switzerland and is part of one of the country's largest retailer cooperatives, Coop Société Coopérative. It employs 650 people.
Pharmacies Geno <sup>5</sup>	X			N/A	N/A	Pharmacies Geno count 3 pharmacies based in Bienne and Lengnau.
<b>Second-level cooperatives</b>						
Ofac <sup>6</sup>	X			Over 1,280 pharmacies (2/3 of all pharmacies in Switzerland)	N/A	Ofac provides Swiss pharmacies administrative and financial services (e.g., billing, IT support).
Apodata <sup>7</sup>	X			N/A	N/A	Apodata is a pharmacist cooperative. It collects and sells its members' sales data.

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