

Utilization and trans-sectoral patterns of care for patients admitted to emergency departments in Germany (INDEED)

Summary:

The overall aim of INDEED is to facilitate trans-sectoral and interdisciplinary health services research of emergency care in Germany.

The primary objective of the project is to assess the trans-sectoral utilization of health care services of patients 2 years prior and 1 year after treatment in an emergency department. Patterns of adequate, inadequate and potentially avoidable care will be examined.

The secondary aim is to identify patient clusters with comparable needs of health care provision. Within clusters and for all patients combined INDEED will examine health care needs and gaps as well as factors that influence emergency department visits, disease progression, comorbidities and mortality. Clinical hospital data from 15 to 20 emergency departments in Germany will be linked to routine ambulatory health care data provided by the Association of Statutory Health Insurance Physicians (Kassenärztliche Vereinigung, KV). INDEED will identify health care gaps and inadequate resource allocation as well as develop strategies for adaptations of the health care system to existing demands

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