

# Quality circles on rational prescribing (project SA4)

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
Not provided at time of registration

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**Type(s)**  
Scientific

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## Additional identifiers

**Protocol serial number**  
N/A

## Study information

**Scientific Title**  
Quality circles on rational prescribing (project SA4)

**Study objectives**  
Participation of general practitioners in quality circles on rational prescribing, including feedback of prescribing data, leads to improvement of performance.

## **Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

## **Ethics approval(s)**

The trial is aimed at implementing evidence-based guidelines into general practice. The intervention is based on peer review groups for GPs, evidence based guidelines and individual feedback of prescription data to the GPs. In Germany, by the Social Code Book (SGB V) both the regional associations of statutory sick fund doctors (KV) and the regional statutory sick funds like the AOK are obliged to inform doctors about prescribing and to support them about the use of prescription budgets. In this trial, we tried to optimise implementation of what is already asked by the law and measure the effect against a control group. In a contract signed on June 1st, 2001, between the AOK, the KV (which are both statutory legal institutions) and the research institute it is formulated that the regulations of the law about data protection and protection of patients are to be followed by all partners. A data approval committee of the KV and AOK gave positive approval of the contract before it was signed.

## **Study design**

Non-randomised, clustered, controlled trial

## **Primary study design**

Interventional

## **Study type(s)**

Other

## **Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied**

N/A

## **Interventions**

Nine meetings of approximately two hours, each in a quality circle (eight to 12 members), individual feedback of own prescribing data compared to all practices in the project and compared to all practices in the control group. Background information on prescription drugs, price-comparison lists based on defined daily doses, evidence-based guidelines of the German College of General Practitioners (DEGAM) and the Drug Committee of the German Chamber of Physicians (AKdÄ).

## **Intervention Type**

Other

## **Phase**

Not Specified

## **Primary outcome(s)**

Mean prescription costs in Euros

## **Key secondary outcome(s))**

1. Percentage of patients who received a prescription
2. Percentage of generic drugs prescription of all prescriptions
3. Percentage recommended lipid lowering drugs of all lipid lowering drugs prescriptions
4. Percentage of recommended antibiotics of all antibiotic prescriptions
5. Percentage of recommended antidiabetics of all antidiabetic prescriptions

**Completion date**

30/08/2004

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Convenience sample of General Practitioners (GPs)
2. Patients who were insured by the AOK Saxony Anhalt sick fund and treated by the participating GPs

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Other

**Sex**

All

**Key exclusion criteria**

Patients who were not insured by the AOK Saxony Anhalt sick fund

**Date of first enrolment**

01/09/2001

**Date of final enrolment**

30/08/2004

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

Germany

**Study participating centre**

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## Sponsor information

**Organisation**

AOK Saxony-Anhalt (Germany)

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/004cmqw89>

## Funder(s)

**Funder type**

Hospital/treatment centre

**Funder Name**

AOK sick fund Saxony-Anhalt (Germany)

**Funder Name**

Association of sickness fund doctors (KV) Saxony-Anhalt (Germany)

## Results and Publications

**Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan****IPD sharing plan summary**

Not provided at time of registration

**Study outputs**

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/09/2009	05/01/2021	Yes	No
<a href="#">Study website</a>	Study website	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes