

Questionnaire for GPs participating in the study

“Evaluation of the employment of VERAHs as part of a structured health plan in Baden-Wuerttemberg”

Please mark your answer by placing a cross in the relevant box. You may cross more than one box if more than one answer is applicable.

1. Why did you decide to employ a VERAH in your practice?

- Possibility to delegate home visits
- Possibility to improve the health care of chronically ill patients
- Possibility to save time
- Other: _____

The following questions concern changes in the practice that you have noticed since employing a VERAH. Please respond to each of the statements (please mark only one box in each line).

2. Since a VERAH has worked in the practice ...	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree
... when making decisions related to patient health care I have involved her more than before she qualified as a VERAH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... delegating work to her has enabled me to save a significant amount of time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... I can make better use of practice team resources now	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... our chronically ill patients have benefited most from the VERAH's work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The following questions concern the delegation of specific tasks to VERAHs. Which of the following do you delegate exclusively to VERAHs, which to other HCAs/practice personnel and which do you carry out yourself? (Please mark only one box in each line)

3. Tasks delegatedmainly to VERAHs	...to all staff	Not delegated at all
Vaccination management (e.g. preparing vaccination plans, explaining reasons for vaccinations etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medication management (e.g. comparing prescribed medications with medication packaging)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patient training (e.g. diabetes management, nutrition advice etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wound management (e.g. changing bandages in case of leg ulcers etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Tasks delegatedmainly to VERAHs	...to all staff	Not delegated at all
Carrying out diagnostic tests (e.g. blood glucose etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Structured assessments of a patient's physical condition (e.g. when VERAH visits a patient at home)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Structured assessment of a patient's mental condition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Symptoms of complaint and/or disease (e.g. using a structured questionnaire etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Documentation of medically significant facts (e.g. falls, medication-related problems, changes in social environment etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Simple medical procedures (e.g. taking blood samples, injections)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assessments (holistic assessment of a patient's health status and living conditions including problems and resources, for example on basis of questionnaire)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Re-assessments (monitoring)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preparation of care plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dialog with other institutions (e.g. welfare services, nursing services)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patient support in coordination and organization of treatment (e.g. by consulting other doctors or going to other health care institutions)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home visits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Geriatric assessments (e.g. assessment of danger of falls, mini mental status exam, dementia test etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<p>4. What are the main advantages of employing a VERAH?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>5. What are the main disadvantages of employing a VERAH?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

6. Sex <input type="checkbox"/> female <input type="checkbox"/> male
7. Year of birth: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
8. Years in private practice Since <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> years
9. Previous participation in research project? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
10. Family practices: <input type="checkbox"/> Solo practice <input type="checkbox"/> Joint practice
11. Practice personnel Number of doctors in practice <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Number of non-physician staff <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
12. Location of practice <input type="checkbox"/> City with more than 100,000 inhabitants <input type="checkbox"/> Town with 20,000 to 100,000 inhabitants <input type="checkbox"/> Rural town with 5,000 to 20,000 inhabitants <input type="checkbox"/> Village with less than 5,000 inhabitants

Thank you very much for participating!