Research Question	Outcomes / Indicators	Data sources
1. REACH AND INTERVENTION FIDELITY	Proportion and description of patients who participated in VESPEERA	patient data
a) Was the intervention implemented as planned	compared to all targeted persons who meet the inclusion criteria	
("intervention fidelity") in targeted populations	Proportion of persons enrolled in the general practitioner centered-care	patient data
("reach")?	programme (HZV) who	
b) To what extent have the planned components	-have been admitted to a participating hospital by a participating	
been offered to care providers and patients?	practice,	
c) To what extent have these been utilised by care	-for whom a new patient account has been created in the Care Cockpit and	
providers and patients?	-for whom a complete admission letter including a medication plan was	
d) What was the adherence concerning the	generated and was given to the patient to take along,	
recommended practices of hospital admission and	compared to all participating HZV-insured persons in participating	
discharge.	practices with planned hospital admissions	
e) Has the targeted patient population been	Proportion of participating patients who	patient data
reached?	-have been discharged from a participating hospital to their GP	
	-for whom at the time of discharge the HOSPITAL Score has been	
	determined	
	compared to all participating patients who have been discharged from a	
	participating hospital	

	Proportion of participating patients for whom the assessment for planning	patient data
	of follow-up care has been conducted compared to all participating	
	patients	
	Proportion of participating patients who have been enrolled in the follow-	patient data
	up telephone monitoring due to an intermediate or high risk for	
	rehospitalisation and for whom at least two phone calls have been	
	conducted within the given timeframe of three months, per all	
	participating patients	
	The degree to which the intervention components in hospitals have been	Hospital process data survey;
	implemented and offered as compared to the intention	Hospital Implementation plans;
		Questionnaires: staff from
		participating hospitals
2. PERCEIVED EFFECTS	Open-ended question	interviews: all participating care
Which results, from the view point of care providers		providers*, patients
and patients, were:	As support:	
a) Achieved as intended?	a) and b): name outcomes of the outcome evaluation	Questionnaires: all participating
b) Not achieved although intended?		care providers, patients
c) Achieved although not intended (positive or	c): name domains of possible results	
negative)?		

3. WORKING MECHANISMS	open-ended question	interviews: all participating care
Which components and aspects of the intervention	as support:	providers
programme contributed to achieving the results	name intervention components (4-8 max., only those concerning the	
from the view point of care providers?	person being interviewed)	Questionnaires: all participating
		care providers
4. FEASIBILITY	Open-ended questions	interviews: all participating care
What were acceptability and attractiveness of the		providers
programme from the point of view of care		
providers?		Questionnaires: all participating
		care providers
5. CONTEXTUAL FACTORS	Open-ended question in interviews, structured questions in	interviews: all participating care
a) What are determinants for	questionnaires	providers
implementing the program?	As support:	
b) Which contextual factors on system, hospital	a): name domains, especially concerning behavioral factors (such as	Questionnaires: all participating
and practice level influenced the adoption of	knowledge, attitude, self-efficacy, routine, desire/will, skills/capability;	care providers
intervention components and outcomes of the	using the CFIR[18]	
program?	b): name domains of contextual factors using frameworks (to be chosen	
	when designing the questionnaires)	

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c) Which practices concerning admission and		interviews: non-participating
discharge management have been implemented in	c) :Open-ended question	hospitals, management staff from
non-participating hospitals during the intervention	As support:	non-participating hospitals
period (for example in consequence of the new	Name components of admission and discharge management	
regulation on hospital discharge management as		
described in the introduction)?		
6. DOSE-RESPONSE ASSOCIATIONS		patient data
Which associations exist between the outcomes		
(as disclosed by the outcomes evaluation) and		
findings of the process evaluation?		
	pating haspitals and gaparal practices as described in the foligibility critoria, section	

^{*} care providers include all staff from participating and non-participating hospitals and general practices as described in the 'eligibility criteria' section