

(1) English translation of the questionnaire (original language: German)



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Osteopathy in Germany: attitudes, beliefs and handling among General Practitioners

IMPORTANT: In order for us to include your questionnaire in our study, it is important that all questions are answered completely.
Thank you!

Personal details and medical practice

Age: _____ Gender: female male

At which university (-ies) did you study human medicine? _____

Highest academic qualification: State examination Diploma Promotion Habilitation

Acquired specialist titles (please name all of them and indicate the year of graduation)

Specialist for _____, since: _____ (year)

Specialist for _____, since: _____ (year)

Acquired additional qualifications (please name all)

Type of current work: employed, since: _____ (year) self-employed/own practice, since: _____ (year)

Legal structure of the practice: Single practice Joint practice Medical care center (MVZ)

How would you most likely describe the catchment area of the practice? big city small city countryside

Experience and handling of osteopathy

Have you ever recommended patients to be treated by an osteopath?

yes, regularly occasionally in a few cases no, never

Have you ever given patients a private prescription/recommendation for osteopathic treatment? yes no

If yes: at my own suggestion at patient's request both

If yes: For which diagnoses do you prefer to refer to an osteopath for treatment? _____

If no, why not? _____

Do you know osteopaths who work in the catchment area of your practice? yes no -> continue to B

If yes: has there been any cooperation with them? yes -> continue to A no -> continue to B

A Assessment on the common treatment of patients:

There was an exchange of findings. yes rather yes rather not no

The information from the osteopath was understandable. yes rather yes rather not no

The communication with the osteopath was useful for the treatment. yes rather yes rather not no

B Would you like to work/cooperate with osteopaths? yes rather yes rather not no

Have patients ever been sent to your practice by an osteopath? yes no

Do you know a qualified osteopath whom you would recommend to patients? yes no

Have you ever been treated by an osteopath yourself? yes no

What general feedback do patients give you on average after osteopathic treatment?

mainly positive rather positive heterogeneous rather negative mainly negative no feedback

How do you estimate the benefit of osteopathic treatment for the following patient groups?

	Very high	Rather high	Rather low	Very low
Newborns and infants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Children and adolescents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pregnant women	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Middle-aged adults	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Geriatric patients	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Acute patients	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Chronically ill patients	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

How do you estimate the benefit of osteopathic treatment for the following clinical pictures?

	Very high	Rather high	Rather low	Very low
Low back pain	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Migraine/tension headache	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Infants' asymmetry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pain in the cervical region	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vertigo, balance problems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obstructive lung diseases	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Temporomandibular dysfunctions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Carpal tunnel syndrome	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Irritable bowel syndrome	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gastroesophageal reflux disease	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arterial hypertension	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Psychiatric disorders	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parkinson's disease	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Otitis media in children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Excessive crying in infancy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Where do you get information about osteopathy? (multiple answers possible)

- Medical journals Non-medical journals personal stories
 Television Internet Other: _____ have hardly/no information on the subject

How would you rate your knowledge of the concepts of osteopathy and its treatment techniques?

- very good knowledge good knowledge little knowledge no knowledge

Did you know that osteopathy in Germany may only be practiced by doctors and alternative practitioners?

- yes no

How do you agree with the following statements?

	Totally agree	Rather agree	Rather disagree	Don't agree at all
There is no evidence for the effectiveness of osteopathy.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The range of indications for osteopathy should be clearly limited.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
For general practitioners a detailed knowledge of osteopathy is useful.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I consider the partial coverage of costs for osteopathic treatments by the statutory health insurance companies to be justified.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The occupation "osteopath" should be established as an independent health profession in Germany.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comments

Thank you for your cooperation!