

(2) Cross table with univariate predictors of recommendations (all items matched, ntotal=341)

Have you ever recommended patients to be treated by an osteopath? (dichotomized)				in a few cases; no, never	yes, regularly; occasionally		
Parameters	nvalid	Categories	ntotal (relative %)	absolute number (relative %)	absolute number (relative %)	p (Pearson Chi- Square)	Exp(B)/Odds Ratio (95% CI)
Gender	341	male	184 (54.0)	69 (37.5)	115 (62.5)	0.002	2.09 (1.29-3.38)
		female	157 (46.0)	35 (22.3)	122 (77.7)		
Scientific qualification (PhD or habilitation?)	316	no	113 (35.4)	29 (25.7)	84 (74.3)	0.174	0.70 (0.42-1.17)
		yes	203 (63.6)	67 (33.0)	136 (67.0)		
Age category	338	≤ 39 years	23 (6.7)	7 (30.4)	16 (69.6)	0.997	1.00 (0.40-2.51)
		40-49 years	70 (20.3)	22 (31.4)	48 (68.6)		
		50-59 years	134 (39.6)	32 (23.9)	102 (76.1)		
		≥ 60 years	111 (32.8)	42 (37.8)	69 (62.2)		
In which year becoming medical specialist?	321	before 1980	9 (2.8)	6 (66.7)	3 (33.3)	0.290	1.39 (0.76-2.56)
		1980-1989	57 (17.8)	20 (35.1)	37 (64.9)		
		1990-1999	103 (32.1)	31 (30.1)	72 (69.9)		
		2000-2009	86 (26.8)	26 (30.2)	60 (69.8)		
		2010-2019	66 (20.6)	17 (25.8)	49 (74.2)		
When established practice and started to work there?	285	before 1980	7 (2.5)	5 (71.4)	2 (28.6)	0.301	1.31 (0.78-2.20)
		1980-1989	38 (13.3)	16 (42.1)	22 (57.9)		
		1990-1999	102 (35.8)	31 (30.4)	71 (69.6)		
		2000-2009	77 (27.6)	22 (28.6)	55 (71.4)		
		2010-2019	61 (21.4)	17 (27.9)	44 (72.1)		
Completed at least one additional qualification	341	no	230 (67.5)	70 (30.4)	160 (69.6)	0.971	0.99 (0.61-1.62)
		yes	111 (32.5)	34 (30.6)	77 (69.4)		
Practice environment	327	big city	72 (22.0)	21 (29.2)	51 (70.8)	0.630	1.15 (0.65-2.04)
		small city	122 (37.3)	38 (31.1)	84 (68.9)		
		countryside	133 (40.7)	44 (33.1)	89 (66.9)		
Legal structure of practice	267	Single practice	157 (58.8)	48 (30.6)	109 (69.4)	0.494	1.20 (0.71-2.01)
		Joint practice	101 (37.8)	37 (36.6)	64 (63.4)		
		Medical care center	9 (3.4)	1 (11.1)	8 (88.9)		
Place of practice	340	States of former West Germany	256 (75.3)	86 (33.6)	170 (66.4)	0.021	1.99 (1.10-3.60)
		States of former East Germany + Berlin	84 (24.7)	17 (20.2)	67 (79.8)		
Do you know any osteopaths who work in the catchment area of your practice?	337	no	76 (22.6)	42 (55.3)	34 (44.7)	<0.001	4.11 (2.43-6.96)
		yes	261 (77.4)	59 (22.6)	202 (77.4)		
Do you know a qualified osteopath whom you would recommend to patients?	328	no	112 (34.1)	66 (58.9)	46 (41.1)	<0.001	6.94 (4.14-11.64)
		yes	216 (65.9)	37	179		
General feedback of patients regarding their osteopathic treatment	333	rather/mainly positive	229 (68.8)	40 (17.5)	189 (82.5)	<0.001	7.26 (4.31-12.22)
		heterogeneous	76 (22.8)	42 (55.3)	34 (44.7)		
		rather/mainly negative	9 (2.7)	7 (77.8)	2 (22.2)		
		no feedback	19 (5.7)	14 (73.7)	5 (26.3)		
Have you ever been treated by an osteopath yourself?	333	no	222 (66.7)	90 (40.5)	132 (59.5)	<0.001	5.14 (2.72-9.72)
		yes	111 (33.3)	13 (11.7)	98 (88.3)		
How would you rate your knowledge of the concepts of osteopathy and its treatment techniques?	338	no/little expertise	195 (57.7)	71 (36.4)	124 (63.6)	0.009	1.91 (1.17-3.14)
		good/very good expertise	143 (42.3)	33 (23.1)	110 (76.9)		