Additional file 2: Questionnaire for MRSA carriers

1	How many years has it been since you have been tested positive for MRSA				Medical			
	for the first time?							History
	years ago		t know					
2	Have control swabs been taken outside the hospital?							Practice
	By the general practitioner?	□Yes	□No	□Don't	t know			
	By another physician? □Yes	□No	□Don't l					
3	In which of the following place		ody has	MRSA k	peen fo	und in y	your	Medical
	case? Multiple answers are pos	ssible.						History
	□On the skin							
	□In the nose							
	□In a wound							
	□Catheter or stomach tube or	•						
	□In sputum (expectoration from airways)							
	□In blood or liquor (cerebrospinal fluid)							
	Other:							
4	□Don't know	ماهاند، مده مد	: +	مم طفام				Information
4	There are various contact part				-	m.		information
	Who has talked to you about MRSA in the course of time? □General practitioner							
	□Other physician							
	□Medical doctor at a hospital							
	□Nursing staff at a hospital							
	□Staff of a home-care service							
	□Staff at a nursing home							
	□Other:							
	□None							
5	How did you obtain information	on about I	MRSA ou	tside th	ne medi	cal sect	or?	Information
	Multiple answers are possible.							
	□Family / friends							
	□Newspaper							
	□TV/radio							
	□Internet							
	□Other							
6	How well do you feel informed							Information
	Please give your answer on the							
	0 indicating "I don't feel inform							
	10 indicating "I feel very well i	nformed"						
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7	MRSA colonization means:				very	weiiiiii	omeu	Knowledge
'	This bacterium is on my skin o	r mucosa	and is no	nt dange	erous a	t the m	oment	Kilowieuge
	□Correct □Not correct	Don't⊔		or durig	ci ous u	t tile ill	oment.	
8	MRSA colonization means: I ai							Knowledge
	□Correct □Not correct		t know					
9	In case of healthy individuals,	MRSA oft	en disap	pears a	utomat	ically o	ver	Knowledge
	time.		•	-		•		
	□Correct □Not correct	□Don'	t know					
10	There are no antibiotics at all	to treat a	n illness o	caused l	by MRS	A.		Knowledge

	□Correct □Not correct □Don't know	
11	Contact to healthy individuals in the private setting is no problem. This is	Knowledge
	also true for skin contact, i.e. handshaking or hugging.	· ·
	□Correct □Not correct □Don't know	
12	When dealing with infected wounds, special care should be applied (i.e. the	Knowledge
	use of gloves and hand disinfections)	Ü
	□Correct □Not correct □Don't know	
13	If MRSA was diagnosed, which of the following home hygiene measures is	Knowledge
	recommended? (only one correct answer)	Ö
	□Laundry should be washed at ≥90°C.	
	("Vollwaschmittel") is sufficient.	
	□Laundry washed at 30°C and the use of all-purpose detergent is sufficient.	
14	How would you describe your current state of health?	State of
	□Excellent □Very good □Good □Not so good □Bad	health
15	How satisfied are you with your current quality of life in general?	Life quality
	□Very satisfied □Satisfied □Rather satisfied □Rather unsatisfied	. ,
	□Unsatisfied	
16	Has your quality of life change because of MRSA?	Life quality
	□Improved □Rather improved □Unchanged □Rather worsened	
	□Worsened	
17	Do you attach importance to the MRSA finding?	Attitude
	□Yes, a lot □Yes, some □Intermediate □Rather not □No	
18	Does the MRSA finding make you afraid?	Attitude
	□Yes, a lot □Yes, some □Intermediate □Rather not □No	
19	Does MRSA influence your daily life at home (not at the hospital)?	Stigmatization
	I have given up activities because of MRSA (i.e. swimming or other sport,	
	sauna)	
	□Does apply □Does not apply	
	I was rejected by an ambulance service because of MRSA.	Stigmatization
	□Does apply □Does not apply	
	I was rejected by a dentist or resident physician because of MRSA.	Stigmatization
	□Does apply □Does not apply	
	I was rejected by a nursing home because of MRSA.	
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	Daily change of clothing	Practice
	□Yes □No □Don't know	
	Daily change of hygiene utensils like toothbrush, razor, comb etc.	Practice
	□Yes □No □Don't know	
21	Has the application of this special therapy to remove MRSA been proposed	Practice
	to you?	
	In the hospital □Yes □No □Don't know	
	By a physician after discharge from hospital □Yes □No □Don't know	
22	Has this special therapy been applied to you?	Practice
	□Yes □No Why not?	
	If yes, where?	Practice
	In the Hospital □Yes □No □Don't know	
	At home □Yes □No □Don't know	
	Started in the hospital and terminated at home	
23	This special therapy usually takes 5 days.	Practice
	Has this therapy been applied to you more than once?	
	□Yestimes	
	□No	
	□Don't know	
24	Has this special therapy been successful?	Practice
	□Yes □No □Don't know	
25	Do you remember the result of the last swab?	Medical
	Was it:	History
	□Positive for MRSA □Negative for MRSA □Don't know	
26	Did you encounter any problems during this therapy? Which ones?	Practice
27	Patients have to bear a proportion of the costs by themselves, i.e. for the	Practice
	I chacial chamnon and waching lotion. Which answer would annly to you?	
	special shampoo and washing lotion. Which answer would apply to you?	
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	Lower secondary general education, with direct access to upper secondary	
	education ("Realschule")	
	Lower secondary general education, with direct access to upper secondary	
	education ("Polytechnische Oberschule" in the German Democratic Republic)	
Upper secondary general education, with direct access to universities of		
	applied sciences ("Fachhochschulreife")	
	Upper secondary general education, with direct access to universities	
	("allgemeine Hochschulreife")	
	Other school leaving qualification:	
	Still in school, aspired school leaving qualification:	
35	In which country were you born?	Demography
	□In Germany (within the current national borders)	
	□In Germany (within the borders before 1945)	
	□In another country	
36	Is German your mother tongue?	Demography
	□Yes □No	
36a	If German is not your mother tongue, how good is your command of the	Demography
	German language?	
	□very good □good □moderate □little □none	
37	Did you need help to complete the questionnaire?	Demography
	⊓Yes ⊓No	