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DESCRIPTION

Die deutschen Aims&Scope finden Sie im Anschluss an die englischen Aims&Scope.

ZEFQ is a peer-reviewed, multidisciplinary and cross-professional journal that publishes original papers, reviews, short reports, and selected conference papers on all aspects of **evidence and quality in health care**. Publication languages are German and English.

ZEFQ addresses **health practitioners, health care managers, researchers, policy-makers** and **methodologists** who have an interest in **evidence-based health care, health care quality improvement, patient safety** and **decision-making in health care**. It is also of interest to anyone involved in the provision of health care programs and other contributors to the health care system.

Aims:

- To provide a forum for the health community to discuss the below topics.
- To put emphasis on both health benefits and economic benefits.
- To advance the transfer of science into clinical practice.

Topics covered:

Evidence in Health Care

- Appropriateness of health care interventions
- Clinical Epidemiology
- Critical Appraisal
- Evidence-based Medicine / Dentistry / Midwifery / Nursing / Pharmacy / Occupational Therapy / Physiotherapy / Psychotherapy / Speech Therapy
- Evidence-based Methodology / Practice
- Guidelines, Guidance, Clinical/Care Pathways
- Health Technology Assessment
- Prioritization in Health Care
- Standards in Medicine

Quality and Safety in Health Care

- Adverse Events & Error Prevention
- Audit and Peer Review
- Benchmarking / Best Practice

- Care Registries
- Certification
- Critical Incident Reporting
- Safety of Medical Devices & Medication
- Quality Assessment / Assurance / Control
- Quality Development / Quality Improvement
- Quality Indicators
- Quality Management
- Risk Management
- Safety Culture
- Safety of Medical Devices & Medication

Patient Participation

- Empowerment
- Evidence-based Patient Information
- Health Literacy
- Patient Advocacy
- Patient-Doctor Relationship
- Patient Preferences
- Patient Self-help Groups / Organizations
- Shared Decision Making

Health Care Management

- Care Management
- Communication in Health Care
- Data Protection / Health Privacy
- Decision-making in Health Care
- Disease Management
- Health Care Delivery
- Health Care Insurance
- Health Care Ethics
- Health Information
- Health Policy / Regulations
- Health Systems
- Knowledge Transfer and Knowledge Management
- Misuse / Overuse / Underuse in Health Care
- Organizational Development
- Telemedicine
- Transparency in Health Care / Conflict of Interest

Health Economics

- Costs and Cost Analysis
- Economic Competition
- Efficiency Analysis
- Fees and Charges and Reimbursement
- Financial Management of Health Care Services
- Health Care Financing
- Health Economic Evaluation
- Health Care Market
- Pricing
- Value based Assessment

Health Services Research

- Comparative Effectiveness Research
- Health Care Analytics
- Implementation Science
- Outcome Research
- Need / Impact Research
- Research Methodology
- Secondary Data /Routine Data Analysis

Education in Health Care

- Consumer Health Education and Information
- Continuing Medical Education
- Competency-based Education / Training
- Health Professional Education
- Nursing Education
- Patient Information / Education
- Professional Development in Health Care
- Undergraduate / Postgraduate Teaching

This is not an exhaustive list, and the Editors will consider articles on any issue relating to **evidence, quality and decision-making in health care**.

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- Evidenzbasierte Gesundheitsversorgung
- Qualität im Gesundheitswesen
- Beteiligung von Patienten
- Patientensicherheit
- Entscheidungsfindung im Gesundheitswesen

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Evidenz in der Gesundheitsversorgung

- Angemessenheit von Gesundheitsleistungen
- Klinische Epidemiologie
- Kritische Bewertung
- Evidenz-basierte Medizin / Zahnheilkunde / Hebammenwesen / Pflege/ Pharmazie / Ergo- und Physiotherapie / Psychotherapie/ Logopädie
- Evidenz-basierte Methoden / Praxis
- Leitlinien, Handlungsempfehlungen und Klinische / Versorgungs- Pfade
- Health Technology Assessment
- Priorisierung in der Gesundheitsversorgung

Qualität und Sicherheit in der Gesundheitsversorgung

- Audit / Peer Review /Benchmarking / Best Practice
- Berichtssysteme über kritische Vorkommnisse (z. B. Critical Incident Reporting)
- Fehlerkultur und Fehlervermeidung
- Medikationssicherheit und Sicherheit von Medizinprodukten
- Prävention von unerwünschten Ereignissen und Fehlern
- Qualität / Qualitätssicherheit / Qualitätsmanagement (z.B. Qualitätsdimensionen, Qualitätsindikatoren)
- Qualitätsentwicklung / Qualitätsverbesserung / Nachhaltigkeit
- Qualitätsindikatoren / Patientensicherheitsindikatoren

- Risikomanagement / Risikomanagement / Patientensicherheit / Mitarbeitersicherheit / Sicherheitskultur
- Zertifizierung / Akkreditierung

Beteiligung von Patientinnen und Patienten

- Beziehung zwischen Patientin / Patient und Ärztin / Arzt
- Evidenzbasierte Gesundheits- bzw. Patienteninformation
- Gemeinsame Entscheidungsfindung (Shared Decision Making)
- Gesundheits-Wissen und -Kompetenz (Health Literacy)
- Präferenzen von Patientinnen/Patienten
- Selbsthilfe-Gruppen / Organisationen
- Stärkung von Autonomie und Selbstbestimmung (Empowerment)
- Unterstützung der Belange von Patientinnen/Patienten (Patient Advocacy)

Management der Gesundheitsversorgung

- Datensicherheit / Datenschutz
- Entscheidungsfindung / Wissenstransfer in der Gesundheitsversorgung (z.B. auch Telemedizin)
- Ethik im Gesundheitswesen
- Gesundheitspolitik / Regulierungen im Gesundheitswesen
- Gesundheitssysteme und Versorgungseinrichtungen
- Kommunikation im Gesundheitswesen
- Organisationsentwicklung im Gesundheitswesen
- Transparenz im Gesundheitswesen / Interessenkonflikte
- Versicherungswesen
- Versorgungsmanagement (z. B. Disease Management)

Gesundheitsökonomie

- Effizienzanalyse
- Finanzierung der Gesundheitsversorgung
- Gesundheitsmärkte
- Gesundheitsökonomische Evaluation
- Honorierung und Erstattung
- Kosten und Kostenanalyse
- Ökonomischer Wettbewerb
- Management von Versorgungsangeboten
- Preisgestaltung
- Wohlfahrtsanalyse

Versorgungsforschung

- Analyse von Register-, Sekundär- und Routine-Daten
- Bedarf an und Inanspruchnahme von Gesundheitsleistungen
- Forschungsmethodik
- Implementierungsanalysen
- Komplexe Interventionen
- Patient-reported Outcomes und Lebensqualitätsforschung
- Über-, Unter- und Fehlversorgung
- Vergleichende Effektivitäts-Analysen (Comparative Effectiveness Research)
- Versorgungsepidemiologie und Outcome-Analysen
- Zugangs- und Verteilungsgerechtigkeit

Bildung im Gesundheitswesen

- akademische Berufsbildung im Bereich der wissenschaftlichen Aus-, Weiter- und Fortbildung
- nichtakademische wissenschaftliche Berufsbildung in der Aus- und Fortbildung
- wissenschaftliche Bildungsprogramme für Bürgerinnen und Bürger und Patientinnen und Patienten
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