

Research example

Number of ophthalmic surgeons performing intravitreal injections

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Sources used:

Telephone interview, internet, websites of German ophthalmologists associations

Question:

Number of ophthalmic surgeons performing intravitreal injections (German term: Glaskörperinjektionen)

Budget needed: 1 hour = 100 € / other expenses: none

Federal Association of German Ophthalmic Surgeons

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Interview

The BDOC does not disclose surgeon statistics. Access to the surgeon database is only available for members.

Most members perform intravitreal injections (members January 2011: 890).

Together with the DGII (Deutschsprachige Gesellschaft für Intraokularlinsen-Implantation und refractive Chirurgie – German speaking society for intraocular lens implantation and refractive surgery) the BDOC publishes a yearly survey on ambulatory intraocular surgery.

This survey covers intravitreal injections (German term: intravitreale operative Medikamenteneingaben (IVOM)):

Survey: Ambulante Intraokularchirurgie 2010

116.599 intravitreal injections were performed (intravitreale operative Medikamenteneingaben (IVOM) using Anti-VEGF (VEGF- vascular endothelial growth factor) or corticosteroids, thereof 54.936 (47 %) in public hospitals and 61.663 (53 %) in ambulatory practices.

Data basis:

- 295 surgery centres with 673 surgeons
- The responders were about 35 % of all German ophthalmic surgeons.

Assumption: about 1.900 surgeons perform intravitreal injections in Germany

Source:

Quelle: OPHTHALMO-CHIRURGIE 23: 215 – 223 (2011),

fulltext: http://www.dgii.org/umfrage/DGII-BVA-BDOC_Umfrage_2010_Ergebnisse.pdf

Results of older surveys:

<http://www.dgii.org/umfrage/archiv.html>