



III. Medizinische Klinik und Poliklinik  
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## TELEMEDIZIN: ERFAHRUNGEN AUS RHEUMATOLOGIE



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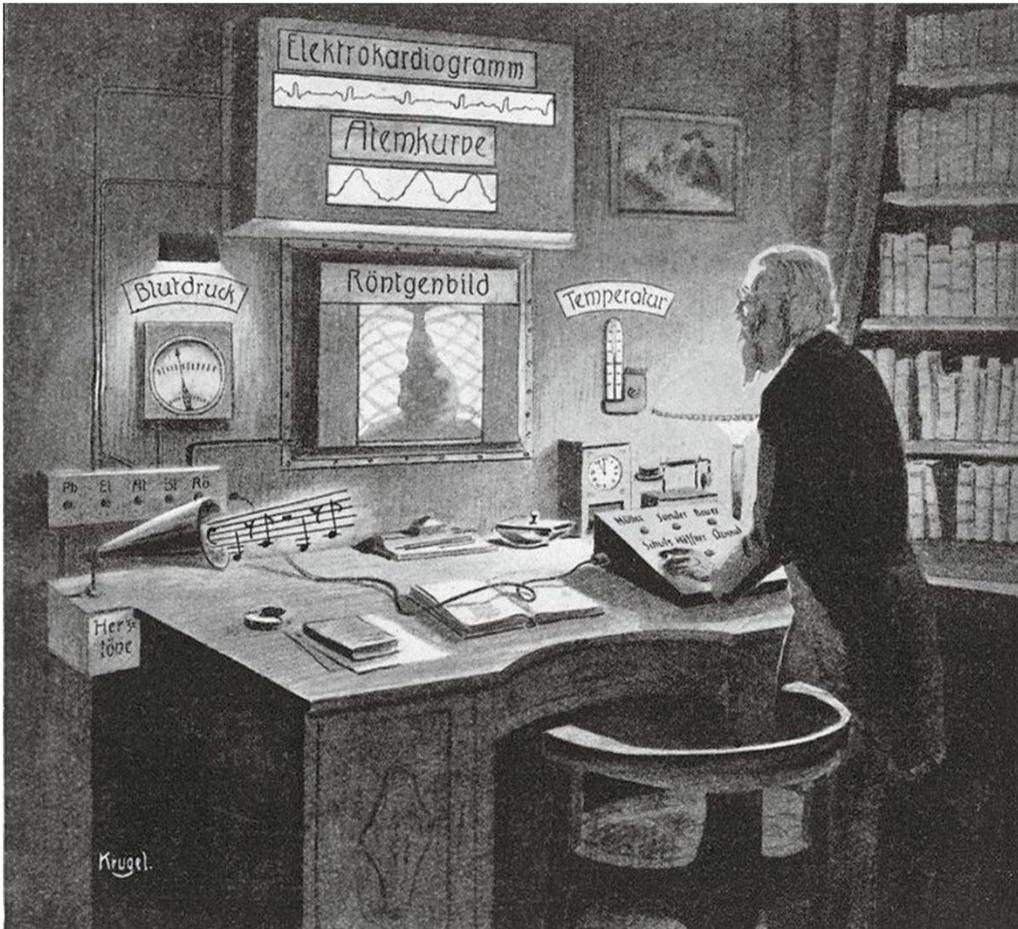
## Aktive wissenschaftliche Mitgliedschaften:

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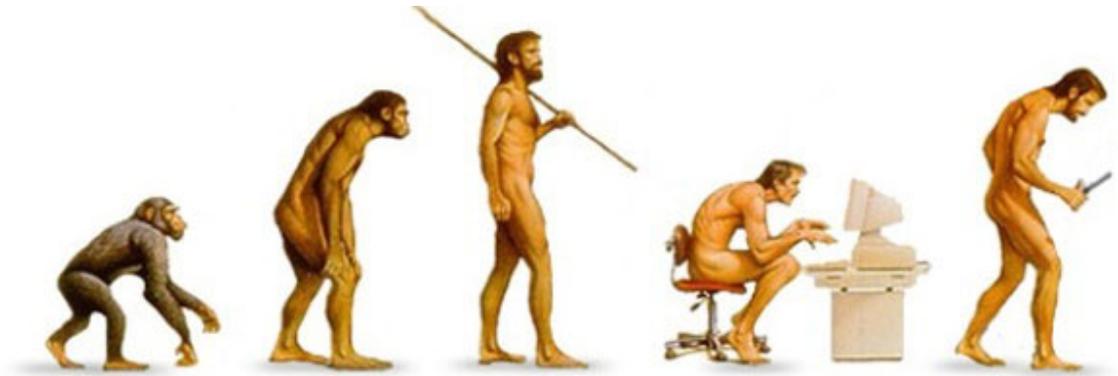
## Arzt der Zukunft

Fritz Kahn (1924)

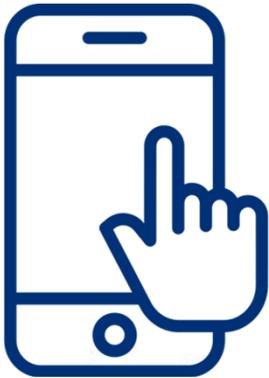
**Telemedizin** wird allgemein definiert als die **Erbringung medizinischer Leistungen über räumliche Distanzen hinweg, unter Nutzung digitaler Informations- und Kommunikationstechnologien.**



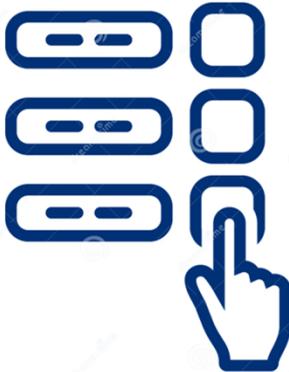
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**Haben Sie bereits selbst telemedizinisch gearbeitet?**



- Ja, regelmäßig
- Nein
- Teilweise / in einzelnen Situationen



**Für welchen Anteil Ihrer Patient:innen halten Sie telemedizinische Ansätze für sinnvoll?“**



- 0–10 %
- 11–25 %
- 26–50 %
- 51–75 %
- Mehr als 75 %





Berlin Alexanderplatz 2021

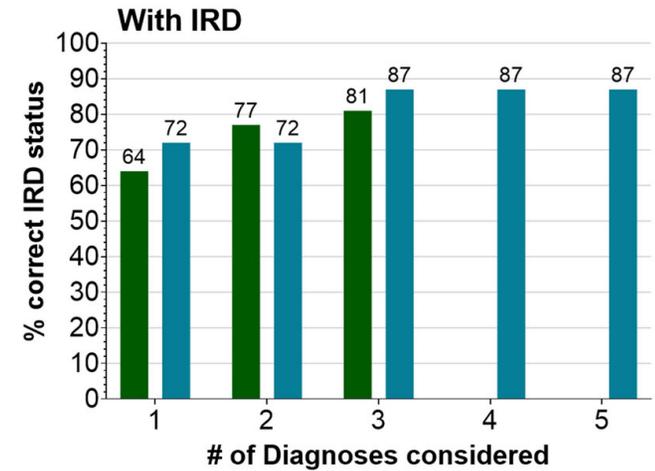
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OBSERVATIONAL RESEARCH



Comparison of physician and artificial intelligence-based symptom checker diagnostic accuracy

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■ Rheumatologist  
■ Ada

▶ 1. Sex

▼ 2. Age

How old are you?

< 60 years

> 60 years

▶ 3. Weight loss

▶ 4. Complaint duration

▶ 5. Injury

▶ 6. Infection

▶ 7. Tick bite

▶ 8. Doctor visits

▶ 9. Laboratory findings

▶ 10. Family history

▶ 11. Joint pain

▶ 12. Joint swelling

▶ 13. Swollen fingers

▶ 14. Duration of joint swelling

▶ 15. Joint stiffness

▶ 16. Headache

▶ 17. Lower back pain

▶ 18. Pain in other regions

▶ 19. Pain-induced force/movement restriction

▶ 20. Muscle weakness

▶ 21. General symptoms

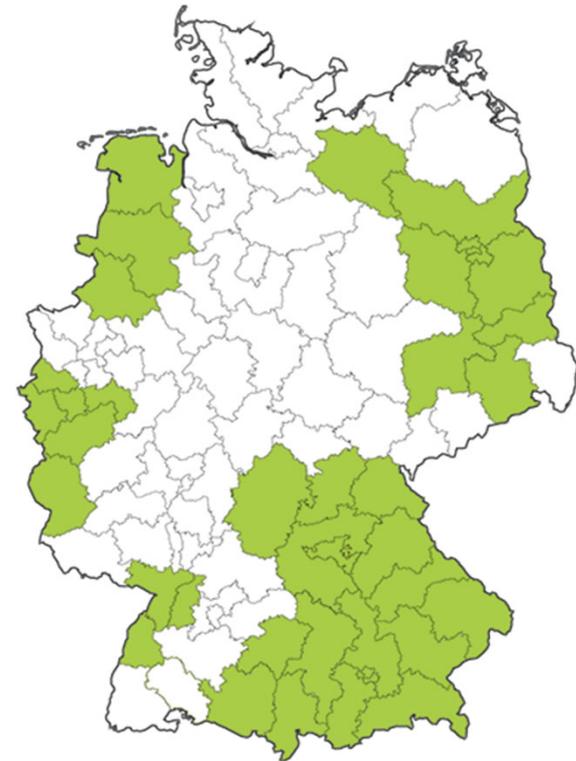
▶ 22. Other symptoms

▶ 23. Medical history

Rheport<sup>2</sup>

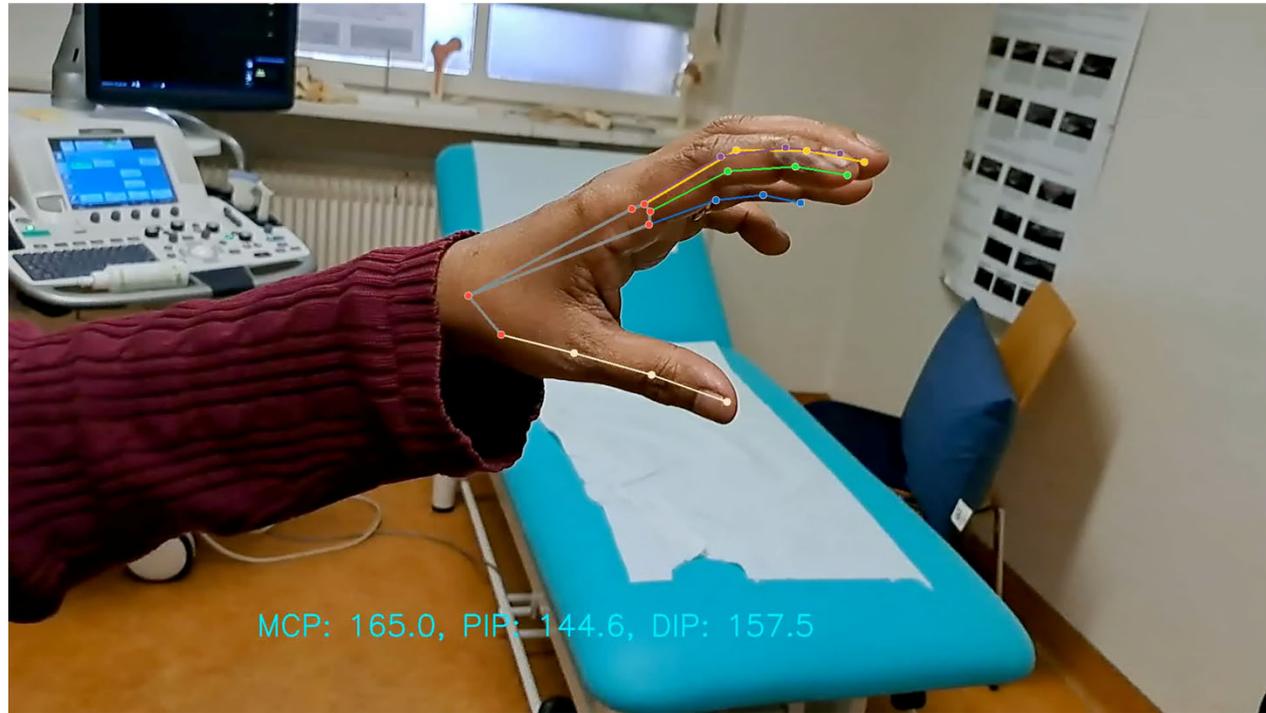


RhePort.de  
Schnelle Hilfe bei Rheuma



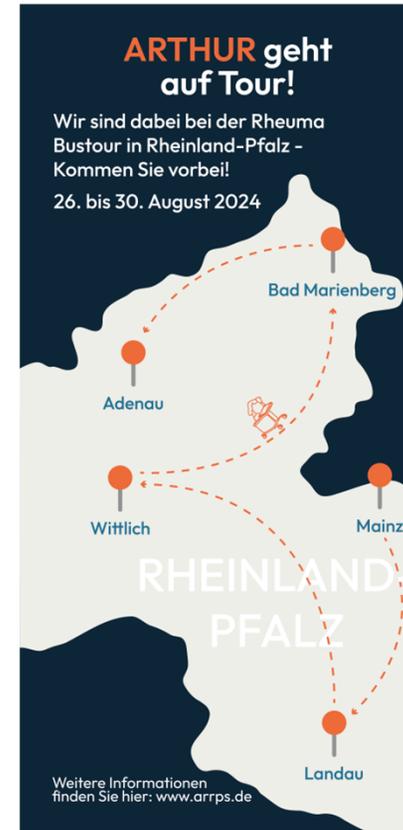
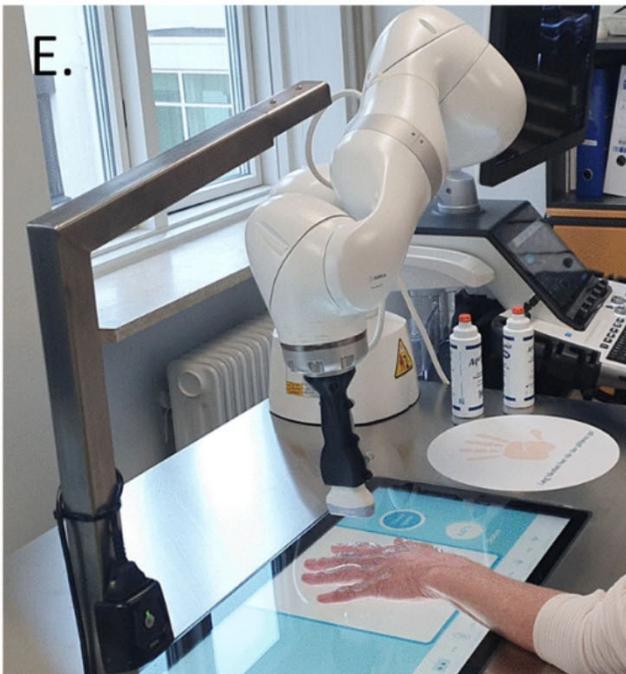
von der Decken et al P. **RhePort 1.3 enhances early identification of inflammatory rheumatic diseases: a prospective study in German rheumatology settings.**  
Rheumatol Int. 2025 Apr 28;45(5):129.





Sensitivität: 88%  
Spezifität: 75%

Hügler T et al. *Digit Biomark.* 2022



Frederiksen B et al. *Advances in rheumatology*. 2022  
Christensen A et al. *Ann Rheum Dis*. 2020

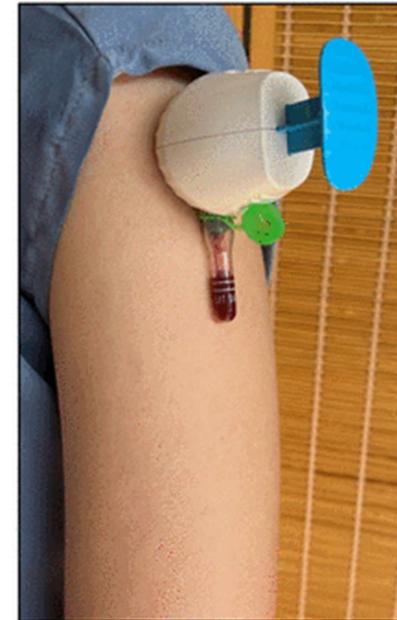
Probengewinnung jederzeit & überall



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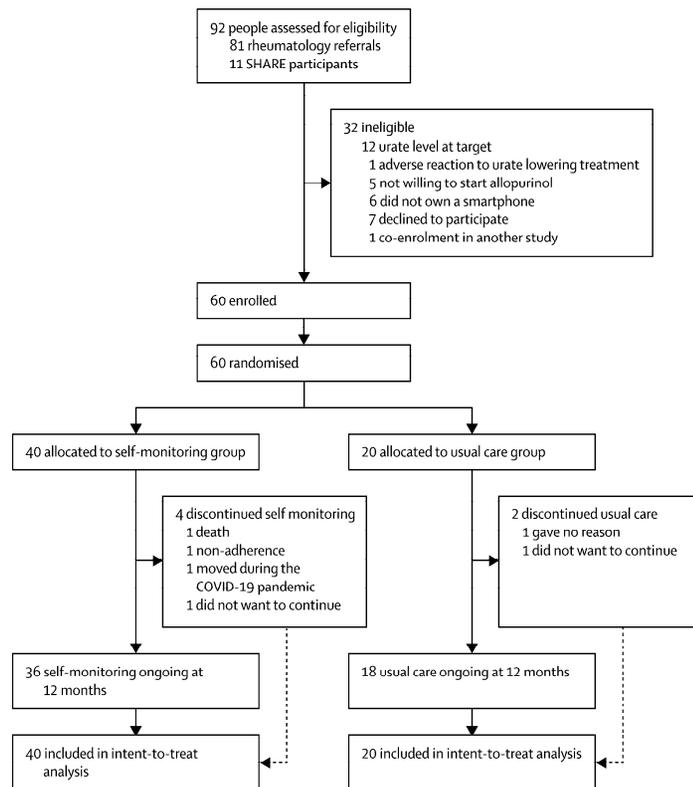
Tasso



TAP II

Knitza J et al. *Art Res Ther.* 2022;  
Zarbl J, Krusche et al *RMD Open.* 2022

## GoutSMART



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caring for love

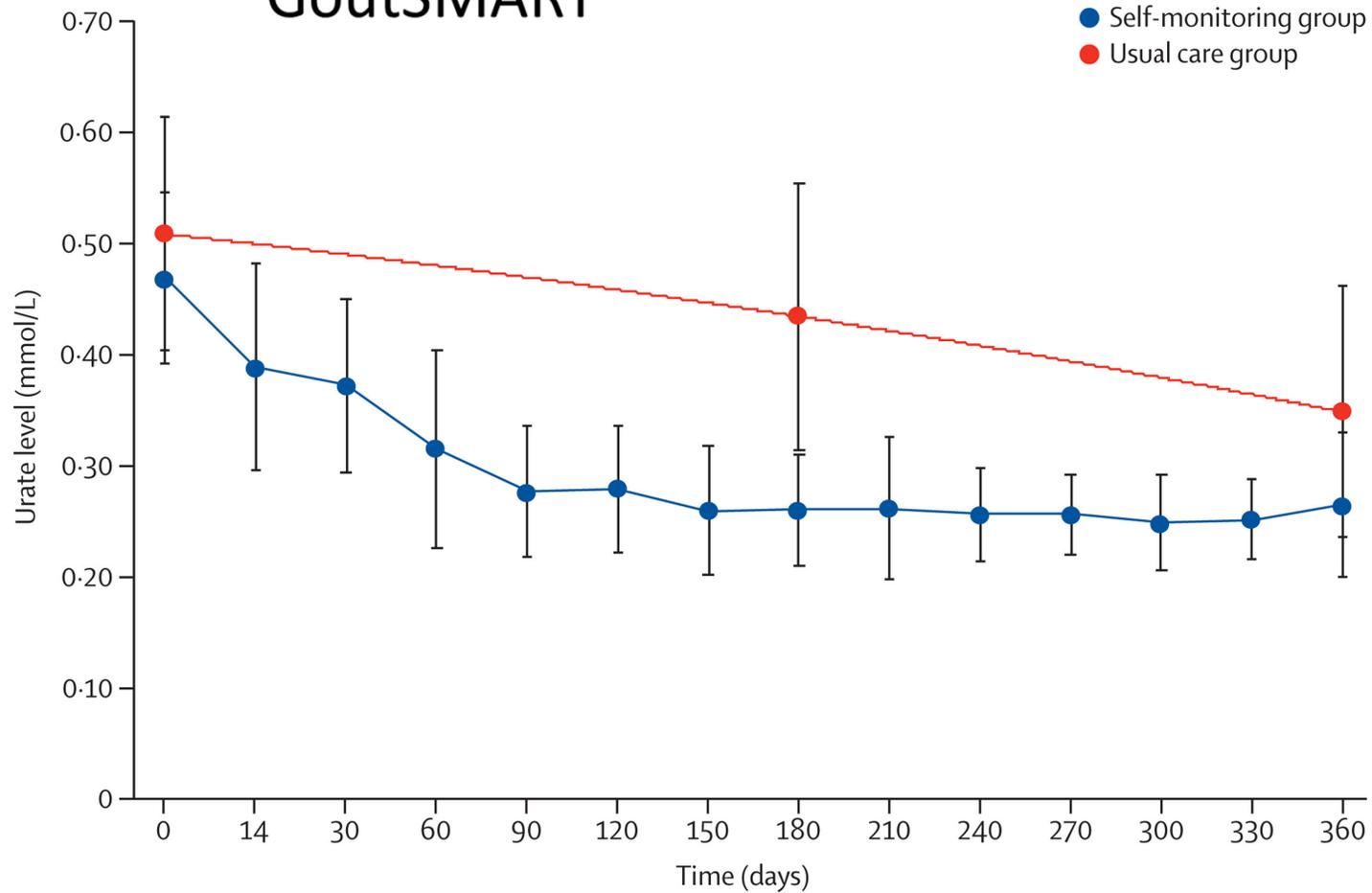
**Uric Acid Meter**  
Results in 10 Seconds



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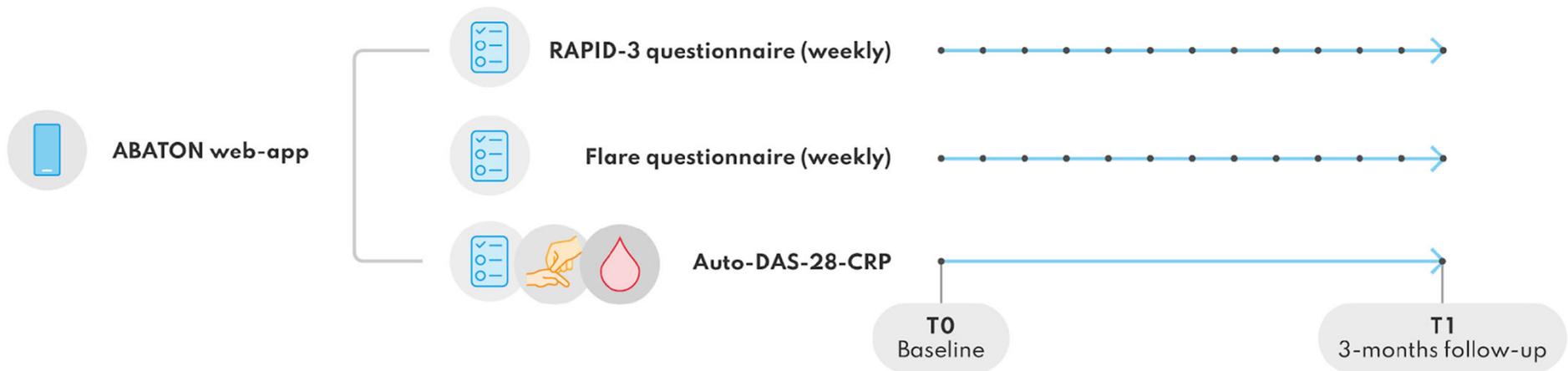
## GoutSMART



> 0,30 mmol/L  
24 weeks

**73%** vs **15%**

- prospektive-multizentrische Studie
- 120 RA-Patient:innen



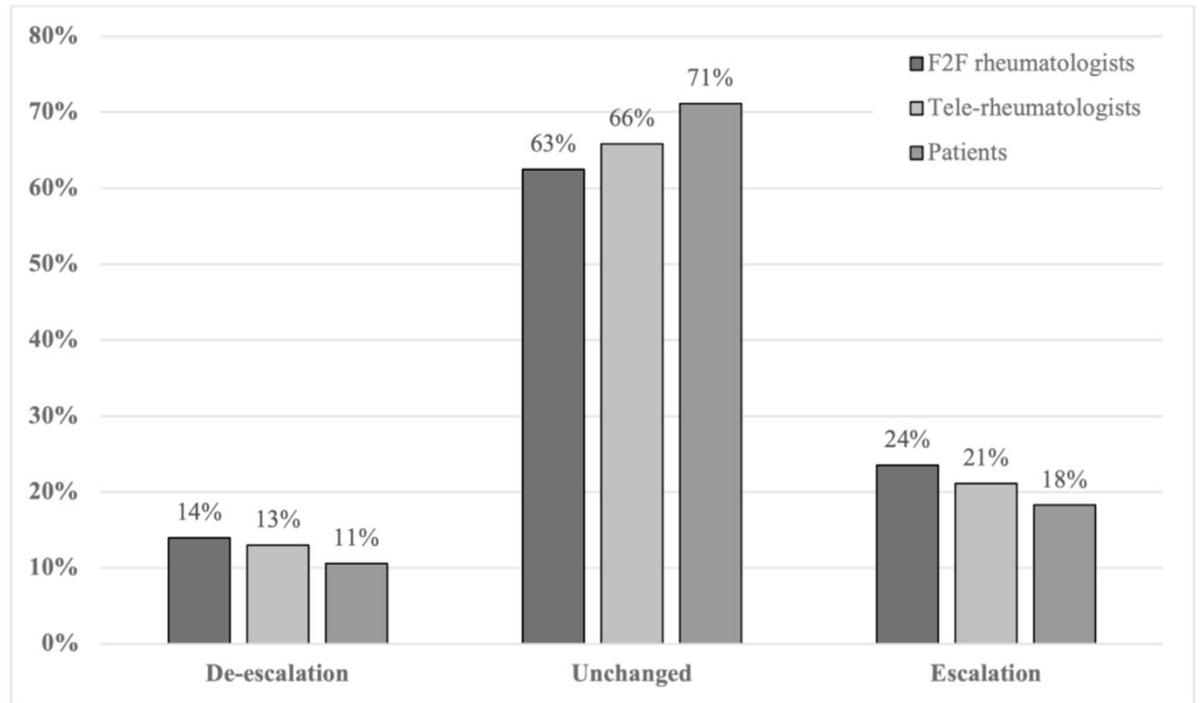
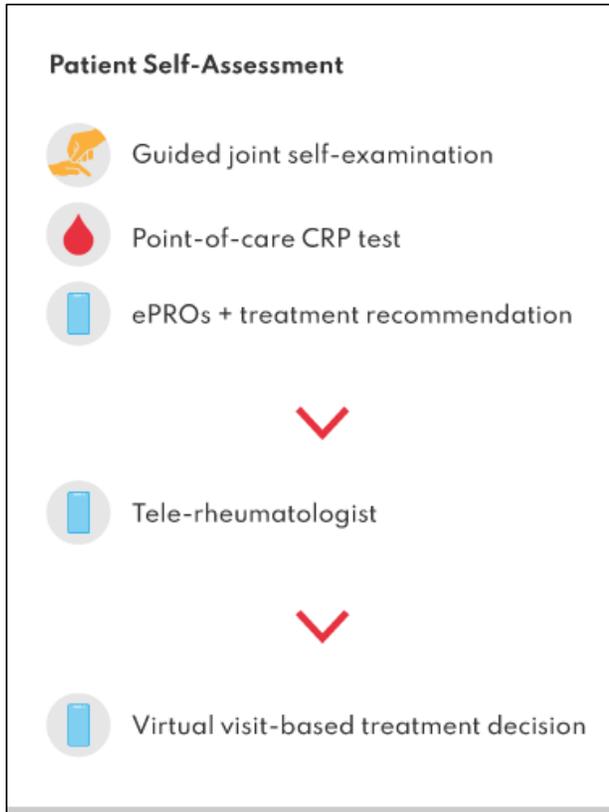
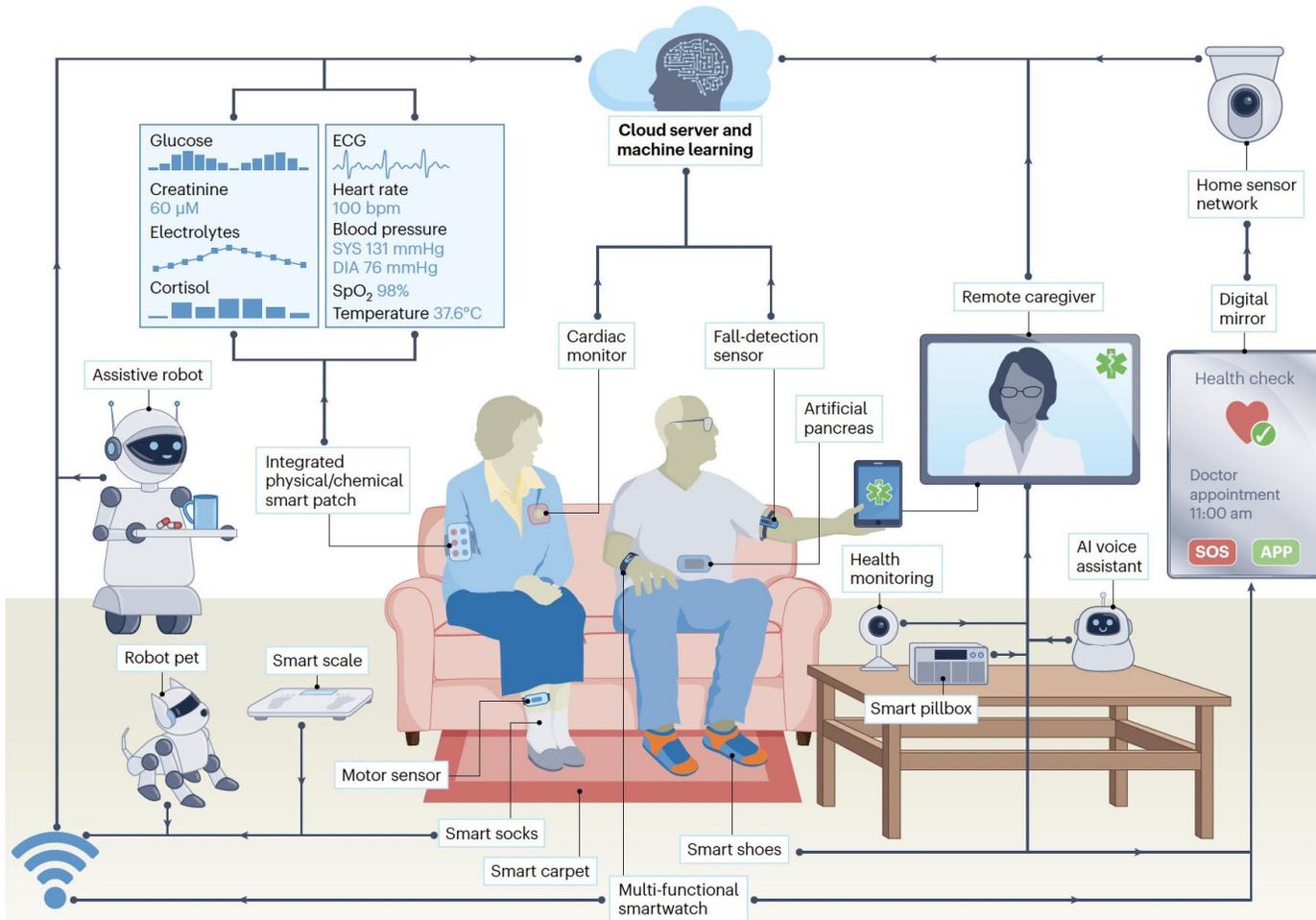


Figure 2. Proportion of treatment decisions made by face-to-face (F2F) rheumatologists, tele-rheumatologists, and patients.



Xiong T., ; Krusche M. ZfR (2023)  
Chen, C., Ding, S. & Wang, J. *Nat Med* (2023).



Chen, C., Ding, S. & Wang, J. Digital health for aging populations. *Nat Med* (2023).



62-jährige Pat. ED GPA (schwere pulmonale und neuronale Mitbeteiligung)

Komorbiditäten: art. Hypertonus, DM II, Adipositas



Hallo Herr Krusche. Wenn es klappt bin ich [REDACTED] In Bad Bramstedt..  
 Mir geht es in Ruhe gut , lediglich das rechte Knie ist weiterhin etwas geschwollen.  
 Der Tipp mit der Swatchuhr war gut. Die Sauerstoffsättigung ist Nachts oft unter  
90%. Die Belastungsgrenze ist sehr niedrig aber das soll ja besser werden jetzt in  
 der AHB. Wann soll ich das Kortison weiter reduzieren.? Nehme jetzt 4 Tage nur  
 20mg. Ihnen ein schönes Wochenende  
 Halte die über die Werte der Diagnostik auf dem Laufenden.

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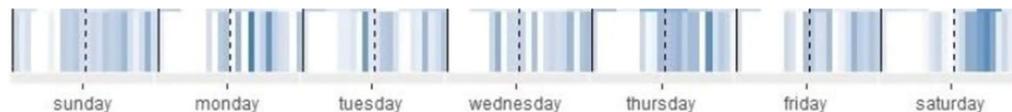
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## Detection of Flares by Decrease in Physical Activity, Collected Using Wearable Activity Trackers in Rheumatoid Arthritis or Axial Spondyloarthritis: An Application of Machine Learning Analyses in Rheumatology

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### MACHINE LEARNING DETECTION OF FLARES

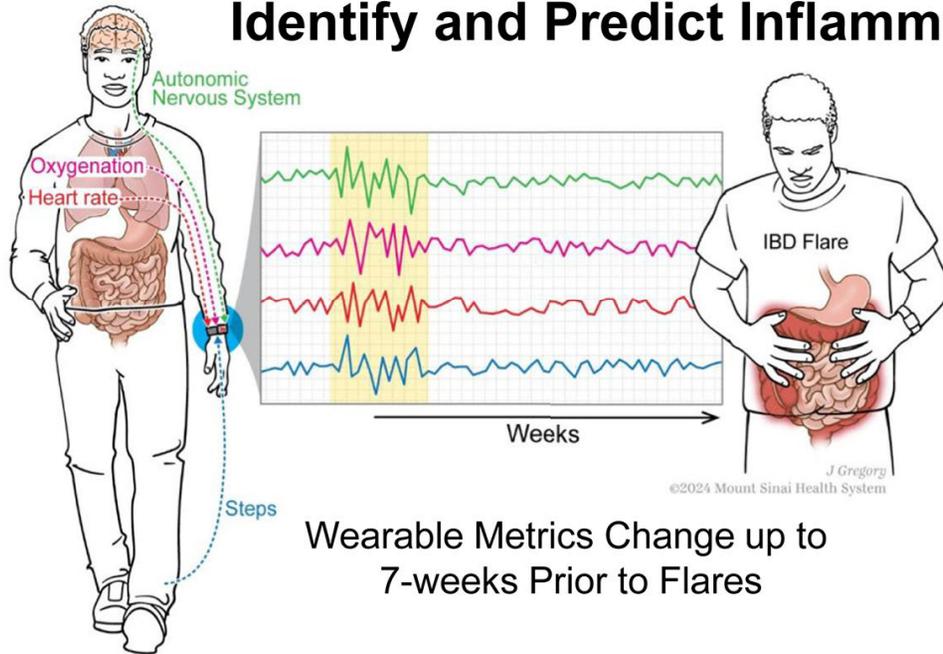


155 Patienten, 3 Monate

Schrittzahlung und Selbsteinschätzung

96% Sensitivität und 97% Spezifität Flare Prediction (mittels Machine Learning)

## Physiological Data Collected From Wearable Devices Identify and Predict Inflammatory Bowel Disease Flares



- 309 participants across 36 states
- Circadian patterns of heart rate variability identify inflammatory and symptom flares
- Heart rate and resting heart rate are higher during inflammatory and symptom flares
- Lower daily steps during inflammatory flares
- Wearable metrics identify subclinical inflammation and whether inflammation is present during symptom flares

Gastroenterology



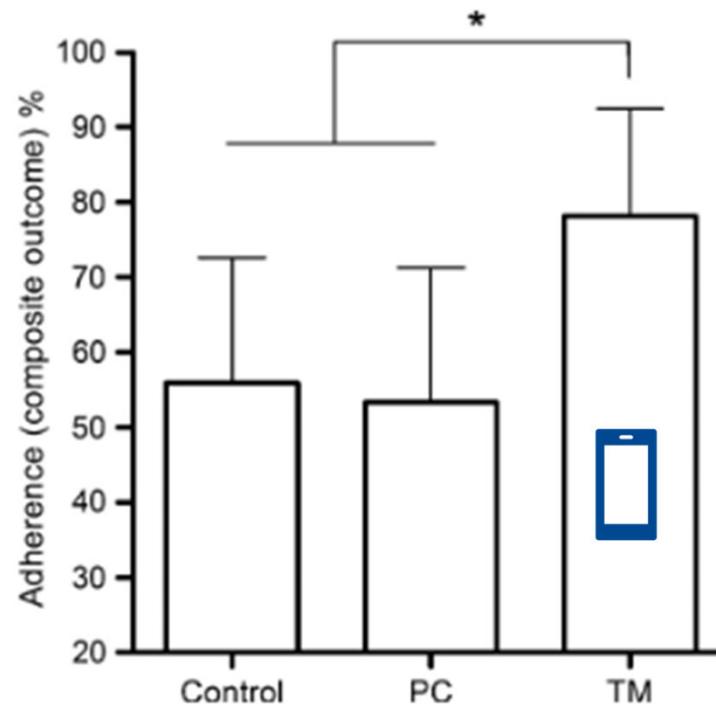
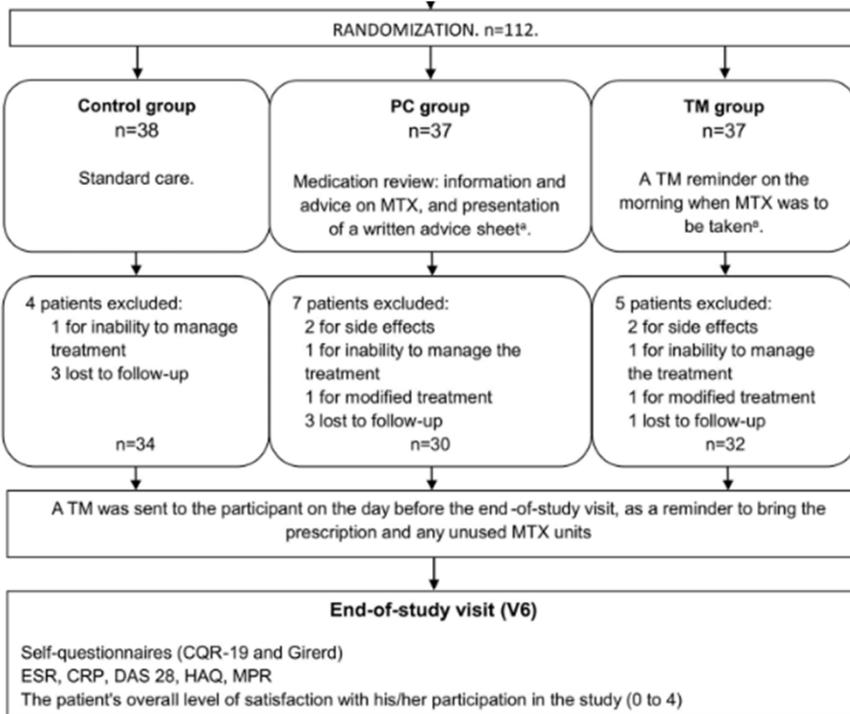
# DIGITALE THERAPIE

# PROBLEM: ADHÄRENZ



Original Article

Mobile Phone Text Messages and Effect on Treatment Adherence in Patients Taking Methotrexate for Rheumatoid Arthritis: A Randomized Pilot Study



# EINFACHE INTERVENTION: DIGITALE ERINNERUNG



**mediteo**

- ✓ Ihr persönlicher **Therapieplan**
- ✓ **Pünktliche Erinnerung** an Ihre Einnahmen
- ✓ **Beipackzettel** immer zur Hand

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The image shows a smartphone displaying the Mediteo app interface. The screen shows a date 'Fr., 23. Feb. 2018' and a time '19:23'. Below the date, there are three medication entries: 'L-Thyroxin 100 1 Tablette' at 7:00, 'Metformin 1000 1 Tablette' at 18:00, and 'Bisoprolol 5mg 1 Tablette' at 19:00. The Bisoprolol entry has a checkmark and a note '+ 1 OFFENE EINNAHME'. At the bottom of the screen, there are icons for 'Therapieplan', 'Medikamente', 'Mein Profil', and 'Mehr'.



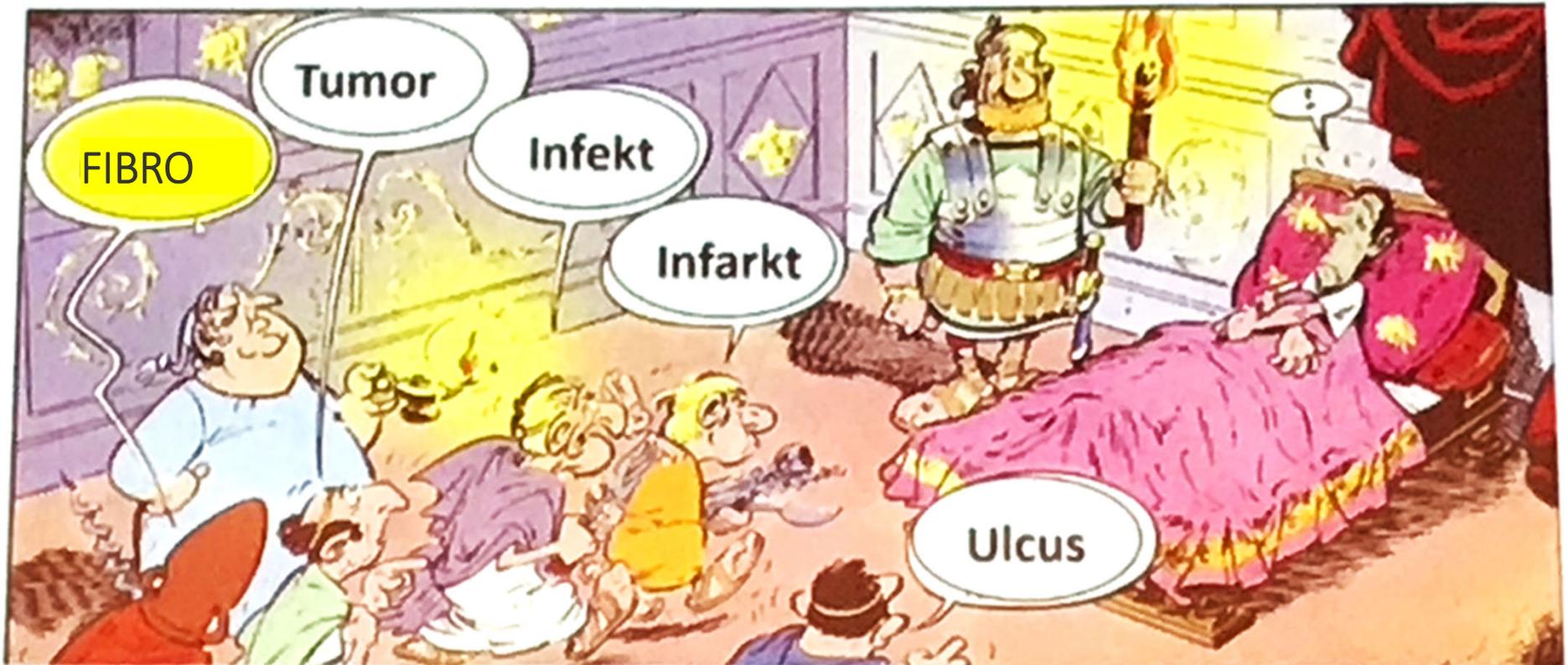
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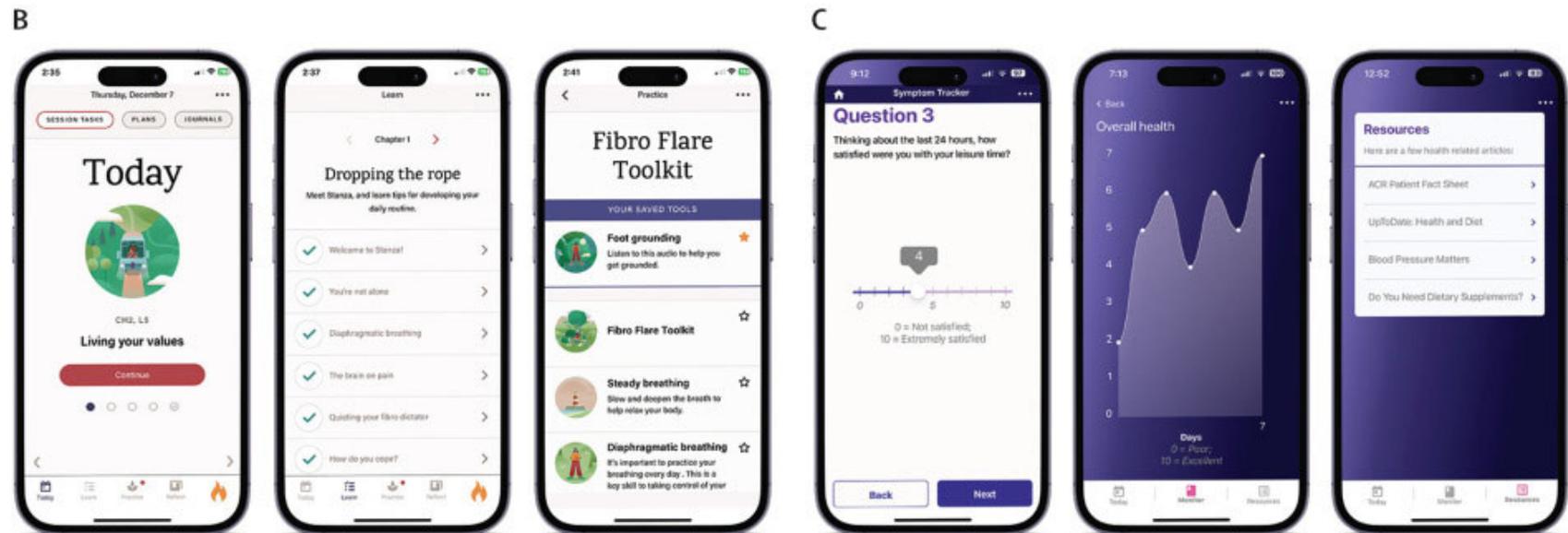
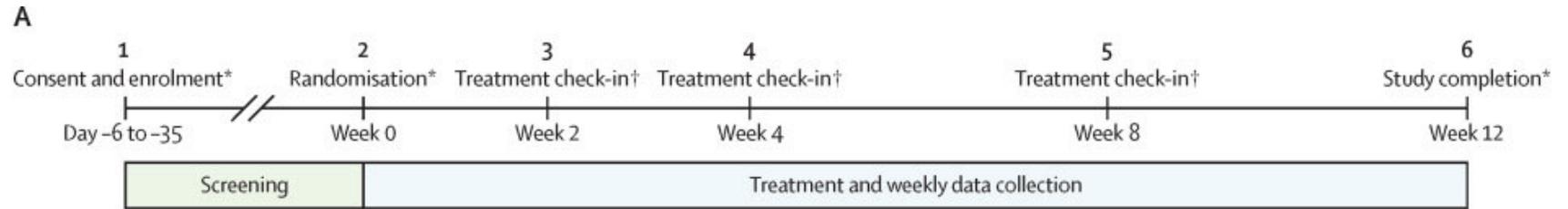
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1 Tablette um 08:15

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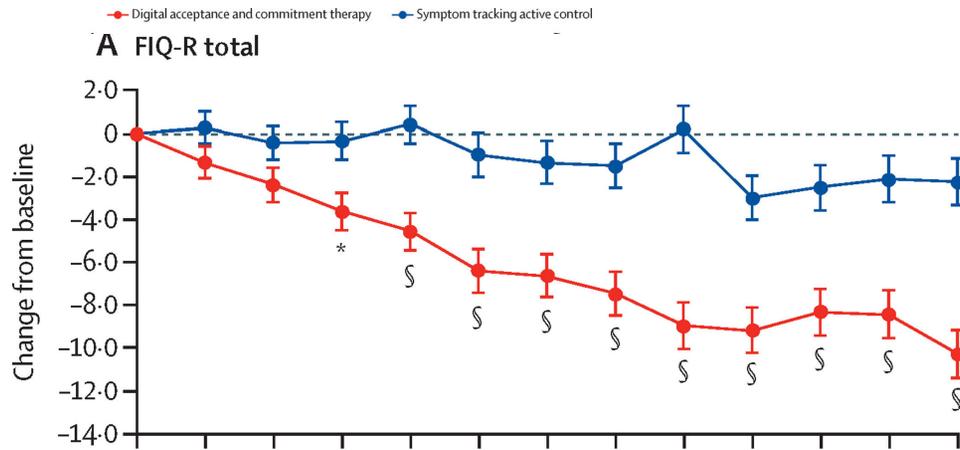
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The image shows a smartphone displaying a notification for a medication reminder. The notification is a white box with a blue pill icon and a red '1' in a circle. The text reads 'Einnahme fällig!' and '1 Tablette um 08:15'. Below the notification, there is a blue alarm clock icon. At the bottom of the phone, there is a dark blue banner with the MyTherapy logo and name.

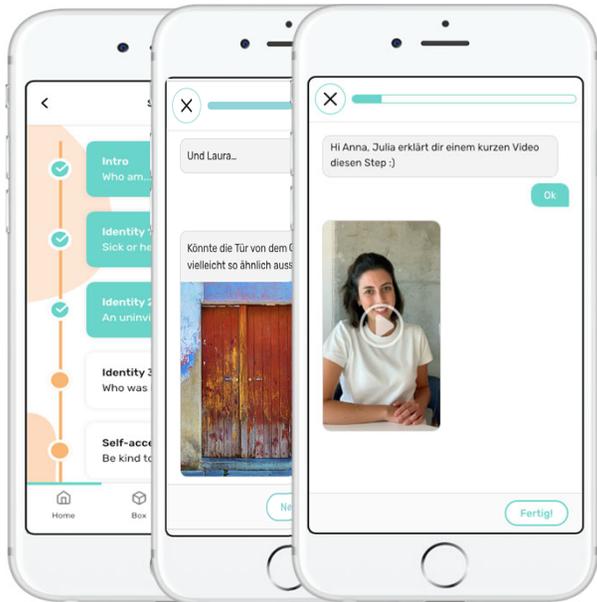




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VilaHealth

## RCT: Digital Psychological Intervention for Inflammatory Rheumatic Diseases

### POPULATION

**10 Males, 92 Females**



Adults with inflammatory rheumatic diseases, psychological distress, and a reduced quality of life  
**Mean age, 47.2 y**

### INTERVENTION

**102 Patients randomized**



#### 52 Digital intervention

Self-guided digital psychological intervention in addition to treatment as usual

#### 50 Treatment as usual

Control group with access to treatment as usual

### SETTINGS / LOCATIONS



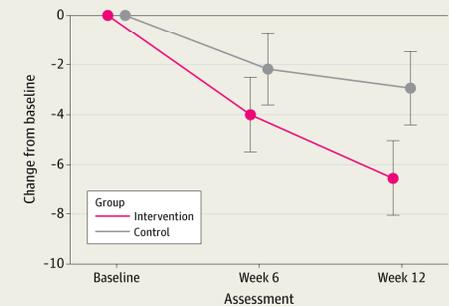
**Online recruitment in Germany**

### PRIMARY OUTCOME

Change in psychological distress from baseline to 3 months, measured using the Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (HADS-D; range 0-42, higher scores indicate greater symptom severity)

### FINDINGS

Patients in the digital intervention group showed significantly greater improvements in psychological distress compared with treatment as usual

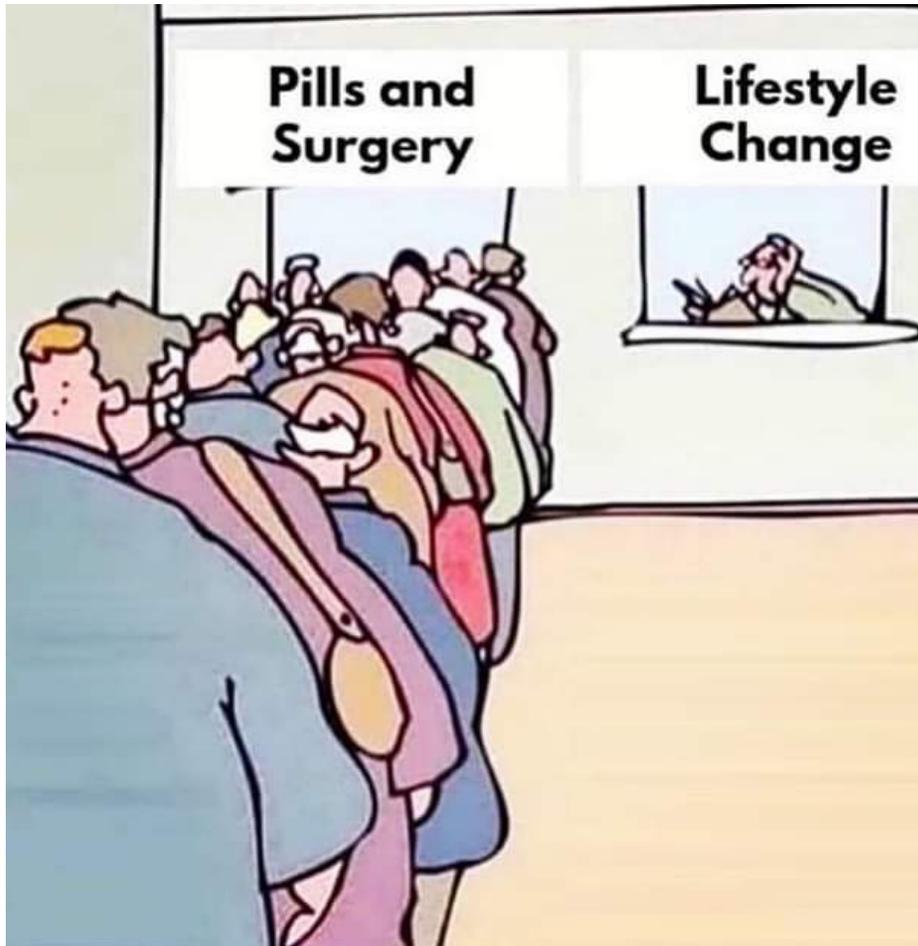


#### Change in HADS-D score (95% CI) at 3 months:

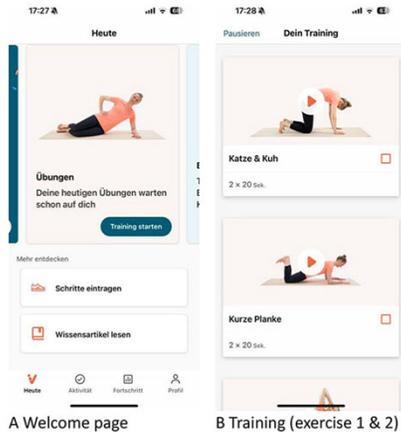
**Digital intervention:** -6.6 (-8.1 to -5.0)

**Treatment as usual:** -2.9 (-4.4 to -1.5)

**Difference:** -3.6 (-5.7 to -1.5);  $P = .001$



ViViRA



A Welcome page

B Training (exercise 1 & 2)



D Exercise 1



E Feedback after exercise



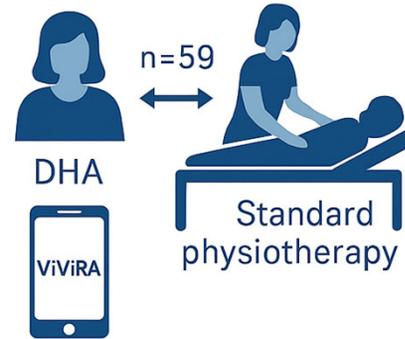
F Feedback after exercise

**Table 3** Training adherence of the intervention group ( $n=30$ ). Self-reported training adherence of the intervention group ( $n=30$ ) reported after 12 weeks of exercising with ViViRA

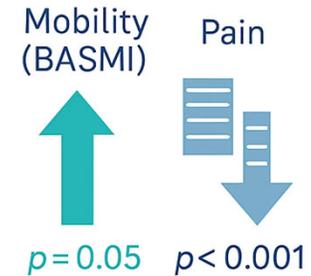
**How many times have you exercised with the ViViRA app?**

1 times/week	2–3 times/week	4–6 times/week	7 times/week
7% ( $n=2$ )	63% ( $n=19$ )	20% ( $n=6$ )	10% ( $n=3$ )

## METHODS



## RESULTS



## Effectiveness of wearable activity trackers to increase physical activity and improve health: a systematic review of systematic reviews and meta-analyses

Ty Ferguson, Timothy Olds, Rachel Curtis, Henry Blake, Alyson J Crazier, Kylie Dankiw, Dorothea Dumuid, Daiki Kasai, Edward O'Connor, Rosa Virgara, Carol Maher



+ 1800 Schritte/d

+ 40 min mehr Bewegung

↓ 1kg Gewichtsverlust

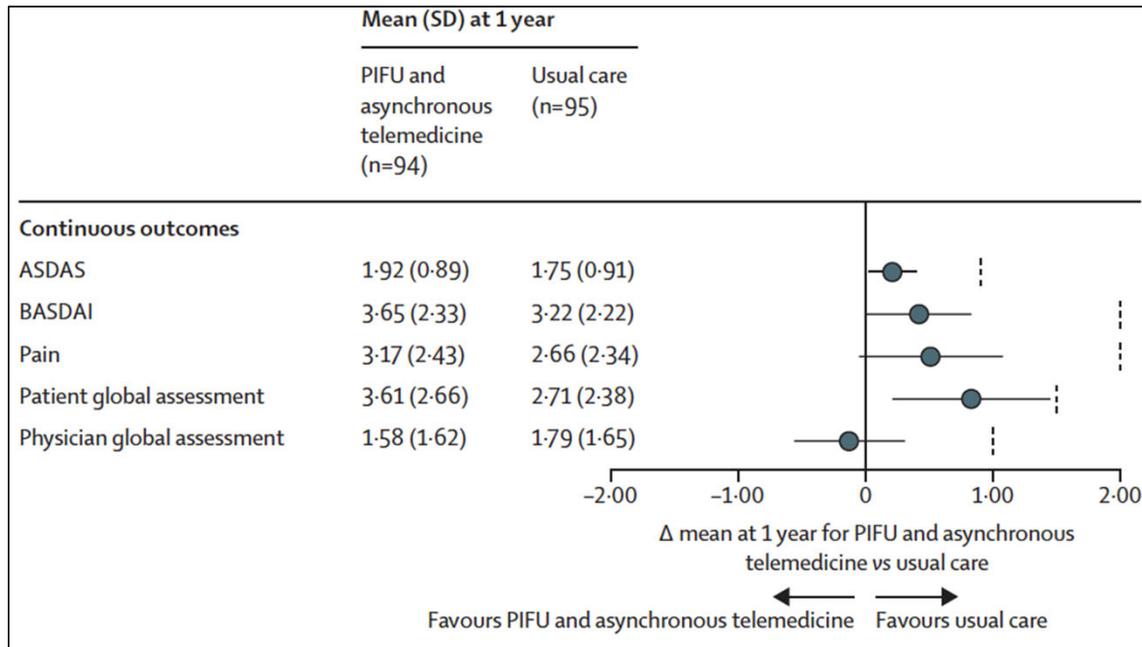
“The benefit is clinically important and is sustained over time. Based on the studies evaluated, there is sufficient evidence to recommend the use of activity trackers.”

Domain	Metric	Explanation
Physical activity	Steps	19 meta-analyses and ten narrative analyses. 23 (79%) favoured intervention, none favoured control, and six (21%) were non-significant (although two of these were meta-analyses that approached significance, favouring intervention).
	Moderate-to-vigorous physical activity	Nine meta-analyses and six narrative analyses. 12 (80%) favoured intervention, 0 (0%) favoured control, and three (20%) were non-significant.
	Vigorous physical activity	No meta-analyses and three narrative analyses. Two (66%) favoured intervention, none favoured control, and one (33%) was non-significant. Only addressed by a small number of original studies.
	Moderate physical activity	No meta-analyses and five narrative analyses. Five (100%) favoured intervention. Only addressed by a small number of original studies.
	Light physical activity	No meta-analyses and two narrative analyses. Two (100%) favoured intervention. Only addressed by a small number of original studies.
	Physical activity	Eight meta-analyses and 11 narrative reviews. 17 (89%) favoured intervention, none favoured control, and two (11%) were non-significant.
	Walking	One meta-analysis and six narrative reviews. Four (57%) favoured intervention, one (14%) favoured control, and two (29%) were non-significant. Only addressed by a small number of original studies.
	Energy expenditure	Two meta-analyses and three narrative reviews. Four (80%) favoured intervention, none favoured control, and one (20%) was non-significant. Only addressed by a small number of original studies.
Physiological	Body composition	22 meta-analyses and nine narrative reviews. 20 (65%) favoured intervention, none favoured control, and 11 (35%) were non-significant.
	Blood pressure	Five meta-analyses and four narrative reviews. Seven (78%) favoured intervention, none favoured control, and two (22%) were non-significant.
	Fitness	Three meta-analyses and seven narrative reviews. Seven (70%) favoured intervention, none favoured control, and three (30%) were non-significant (although the meta-analysis approached significance, favouring intervention, and the two non-significant narrative analyses were each based on a single study).
	Cholesterol	Three meta-analyses and three narrative reviews. Four (66%) favoured intervention, none favoured control, and two (33%) were non-significant. Only addressed by a small number of original studies.
	Glycosylated haemoglobin	Four meta-analyses and two narrative reviews. Two (33%) favoured intervention, none favoured control, and four (66%) were non-significant. Only addressed by a small number of original studies.
	Blood glucose	Two meta-analyses and two narrative reviews. None favoured intervention, none favoured control, and four (100%) were non-significant. Only addressed by a small number of original studies.
	Triglycerides	Two meta-analyses and one narrative review. None favoured intervention, none favoured control, and three (100%) were non-significant. Only addressed by a small number of original studies.
	Resting heart rate	One meta-analysis and three narrative reviews. Two (50%) favoured intervention, none favoured control, and two (50%) were non-significant (although the meta-analysis approached significance, favouring intervention). Only addressed by a small number of original studies.
	Other, physiological	No meta-analyses and two narrative reviews. None favoured intervention, none favoured control, and two (100%) were non-significant.



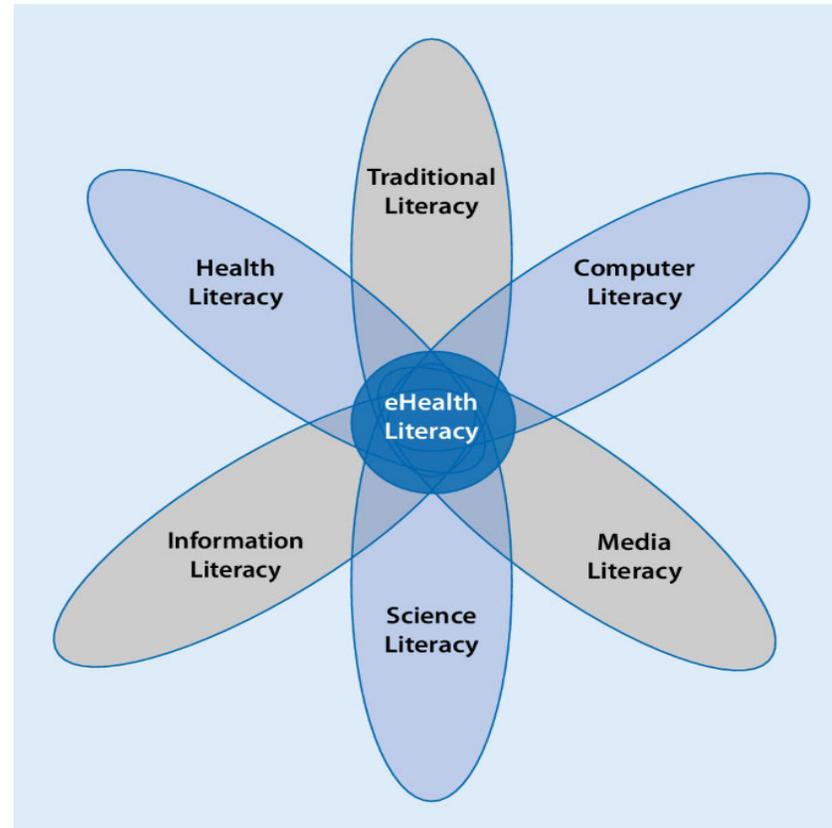
## Patient-initiated follow-up supported by asynchronous telemedicine versus usual care in spondyloarthritis (TeleSpA-study): a randomised controlled trial of clinical and cost-effectiveness

*Kasper Hermans, Casper Webers, Annelies Boonen, Harald E Vonkeman, Astrid van Tubergen*



**- 1.9 vs 2.6 Visits pro Jahr**

**-180 Euro ohne "Loss of quality-adjusted life-years"**

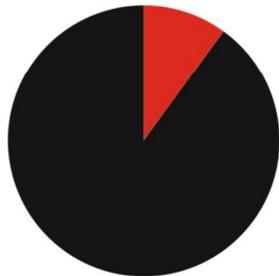


Bittlingmayer, U.H., *Bundesgesundheitsbl* 63, 176–184 (2020)

## Torten der Wahrheit

VON KATJA BERLIN

Datenschutzprobleme  
im Gesundheitssystem



- Durch die elektronische Patientenakte
- Durch den Anmeldebereich im Wartezimmer

- Investitionen in entsprechende (einfache) Software sowie Schulungen zu technischen Lösungen dringend notwendig ( z.B. ePROs, DiGAS, Einsatz von Wearables)
- vermehrte Aus-und Weiterbildung im Bereich Bioinformatik, Verständnis von KI-Systemen (Plausibilitätskontrollen)







# Danke!



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