IQWiG Autumn Symposium 2026

Focus on low-value care: Insights and options for action

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Speakers



Prof. Dr Verena Vogt

Jena University Hospital

Professor of Quantitative Health Services Research, Institute of General Practice; Co-Speaker of the Center for Health Services Research.

Research/Idea

Quantitative health services research with statutory health insurance claims data: care pathways, quality of care, overuse und regional differences in health care provision.

Short CV

- Studied Health Communication and Public Health
- Doctorate Dr Public Health, Technical University of Berlin
- Research year at the Menzies Centre for Health Policy and Economics, Sydney
- 2020–2023 junior professorship, Technical University of Berlin
- Since 2023 Professor at Jena University Hospital



Dr Simone van Dulmen

Radboudumc / Radboud University

Researcher, Department IQ Health, Radboud University Medical Center, Nijmegen, Netherlands.

Research/Idea

Quality of health care and patient safety, with a focus on evidence-based health care, primary care and innovative approaches to improving health care and outcomes. Her research includes, amongst other things, low-value care and the quality of physical therapy care.

Short CV

- Researcher at Department IQ Health
- Doctorate: Monitoring and reflection in physical therapy care
- Research on health care, patient safety and health outcomes
- Work at the interface between health care research and quality improvement



Prof. Dr Jean-François Chenot

MPH, Greifswald University Hospital

Head of the Department of General Practice, Greifswald University Hospital.

Research/Idea

Evidence-based and patient-centred general practice health care, in particular health care research, clinical epidemiology, guidelines, quality assurance and drug safety.

Short CV

- Medical degree, Frankfurt and Lyon
- Public Health / Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Boston University
- General Practitioner
- Habilitation thesis on low back pain in general practice
- 2009–2011 Professor for health care research in Göttingen, Germany
- Since 2011 Head of the Department of General Practice in Greifswald



Franz Knieps

Health policy expert

Long-standing CEO of the BKK (company health insurance funds) 'Dachverband' umbrella organisation; retired since 2025.

Research/Idea

The health care system, statutory health insurance, self-governance and the structural development of health care provision – with decades of experience at the interface between politics, administration and statutory health insurance.

Short CV

- Law degree, Bonn and Freiburg
- Position at AOK (statutory medical insurance) Federal Association
- 2003–2009 Head of department at the Federal Ministry of Health
- Followed by consultancy work and roles in the health care sector
- 2013–2025 CEO BKK Dachverband



Gregor Bornes

Gesundheitsladen e.V. Cologne / Patient involvement North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW), Germany

Managing Director of 'Gesundheitsladen Köln e. V.'; Project lead patient involvement NRW.

Research/Idea

Patient-centred health care, patients' rights and greater patient involvement in health care decision-making.

Short CV

- Graduate chemist
- Patient adviser for around 25 years at 'Gesundheitsladen Köln'
- Managing Director of 'Gesundheitsladen Köln e. V.'
- Actively involved in patient advocacy for many years
- Spokesperson or representative on various health policy committees



Prof. Dr Claudia Spies

Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin

Medical Director CC 7, Director Department of Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine.

Research/Idea

Patient safety and improved outcomes in anaesthesiology and intensive care medicine – including, amongst other things, delirium prevention, individualised treatment, routine clinical data and data-driven interventions. Current research, for example, is focusing on individualised light intervention to stabilise circadian rhythms in intensive care units.

Short CV

- Medical degree at 'Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg'
- Specialist training in anaesthesiology
- Habilitation thesis on perioperative/post-traumatic problems
- Since 2005 Director of the Charité Department of Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine
- Member of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina
- Research focused on intensive care medicine, delirium and patient safety, amongst others



Dr Matthias Wilken

BPI e.V.

Managing Director Market Access, Markets and Health Care and head of 'Scientific Aspects of Social Legislation' at the 'Bundesverband der Pharmazeutischen Industrie (BPI)' (German industry association for the pharmaceutical industry).

Research/Idea

- Market access and reimbursement conditions for innovative drugs
- Benefit assessment and routine practice data collection (RPDC)
- Drug supply and health care provision analyses
- The interface between pharmaceutical innovation, social legislation and health care practice

Short CV

- Studied pharmacy at the University of Münster
- Masters in Drug Regulatory Affairs at the University of Bonn
- Doctorate in pharmacy
- Positions in a community pharmacy and a pharmaceutical company
- Currently Managing Director at BPI and responsible for Market Access, Markets and Health Care