

The Scientific Platform of the German EbM Network



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The German EbM Network on the Internet

Further information on the German EbM Network can be found on its Internet homepage <http://www.ebm-netzwerk.de>. Apart from comprehensive material about evidence based medicine it also offers information and reports related to several special subjects of EbM. Mailing lists are available promoting the internal exchange of experience between members.

The German Textbook of EbM



With the assistance of the German EbM Network the "Lehrbuch Evidenzbasierte Medizin in Klinik und Praxis", the first German textbook of EbM providing actual examples from clinical practice and experience was published in October 2000 (ISBN 3-7691-0383-1). Due to high demand the unmodified 2nd edition is to be prepared soon. And work is already in progress to produce a revised and extended 3rd edition.

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Evidence-based medicine is the conscientious, explicit, and judicious use of current best evidence in making decisions about the care of individual patients. The practice of evidence-based medicine means integrating individual clinical expertise with the best available evidence from systematic research.

According to David Sackett



The German Network for Evidence-based Medicine

The German EbM Network was founded on October 6, 2000 in Berlin. The Network's primary mission is to establish a competence and reference centre for all aspects of evidence-based medicine. Against this background, the German EbM Network provides an interdisciplinary communication platform for the basic principles of EbM that aims to promote co-ordination between medical research and clinical care. One of its central tasks is to encourage projects that are concerned with scientific and methodological problems, aspects of professional development and the question of how to translate EbM into clinical practice. The Network will initiate and advise on such activities. To achieve a high level of quality great emphasis is placed on integrating the Network's activities with the debate on EbM at the international level, which has often been found to be more advanced. Also, impartiality will be ensured, which is necessary to establish an appropriate communication platform for the various interest groups that are part of the German health care system.

The Network's objectives are

- to concentrate all activities relating to evidence-based medicine or evidence-based health care in the German speaking area
- to further develop and apply the principles, concepts and techniques of Evidence-based Medicine
- to conduct scientific annual meetings and events
- to offer 'Train-the-Trainer' courses on the application of evidence-based medicine
- to advance professional development in the field of EbM
- to conduct teaching conferences and workshops

Special Network Divisions

For a focussed promotion of EbM-related teaching, research and practice Network activities are organised by special divisions, which are independent and open to all Network members for active participation.

These divisions include:

- Education and Training
- Guidelines
- Patient Information
- Health Technology Assessment (HTA)
- Principles and Practices of EbM
- Theory and Methods
- Dentistry
- Nursing
- Medical Education and EbM

Events organised by the Network

Events organised by the Network are addressed to both health care professionals and the general public. Membership ensures reduced rates for registrations at the Annual Meeting, 'Train-the-Trainer' courses, teaching conferences and workshops.