



The search for

The perfect performance indicator in trauma

Validation of 40 indicators in 110.000 German trauma patients

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Quality management of severely injured patients in Germany

„The reason to start a German Trauma Registry more than 25 years ago was a controversial discussion...”

„...Most hospitals treating trauma patients wanted to show that they performed best.”

„The first meeting took place in 1992 at the Trauma Department of the University Hospital in Essen.... There was a controversial discussion... Finally three main goals of the trauma registry were defined:

- Documentation of epidemiology and monitor changes over time
- Support of a quality improvement programs
- Establishing a data bank for scientific evaluation”



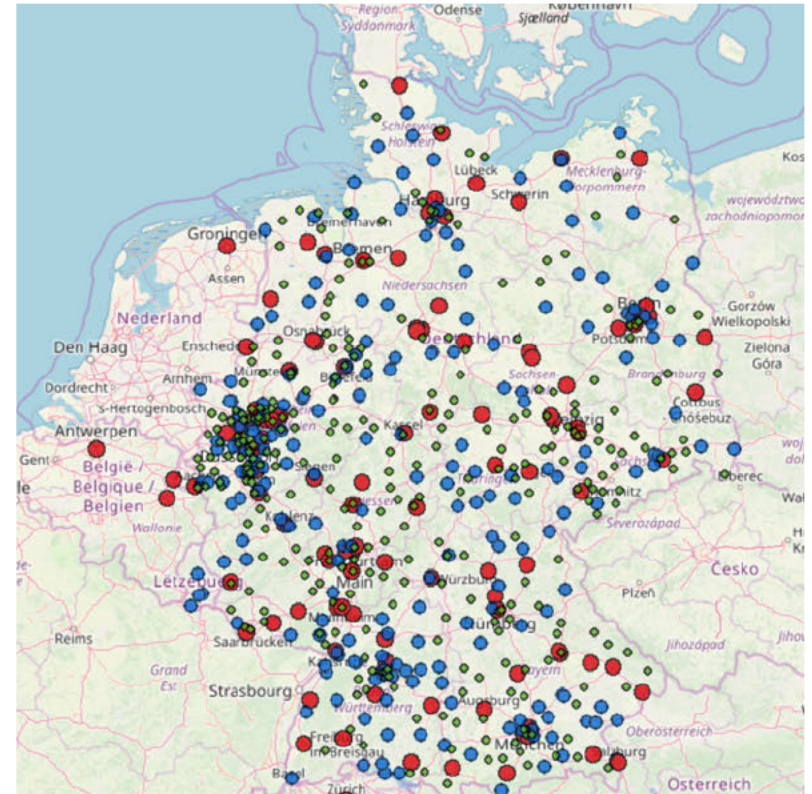
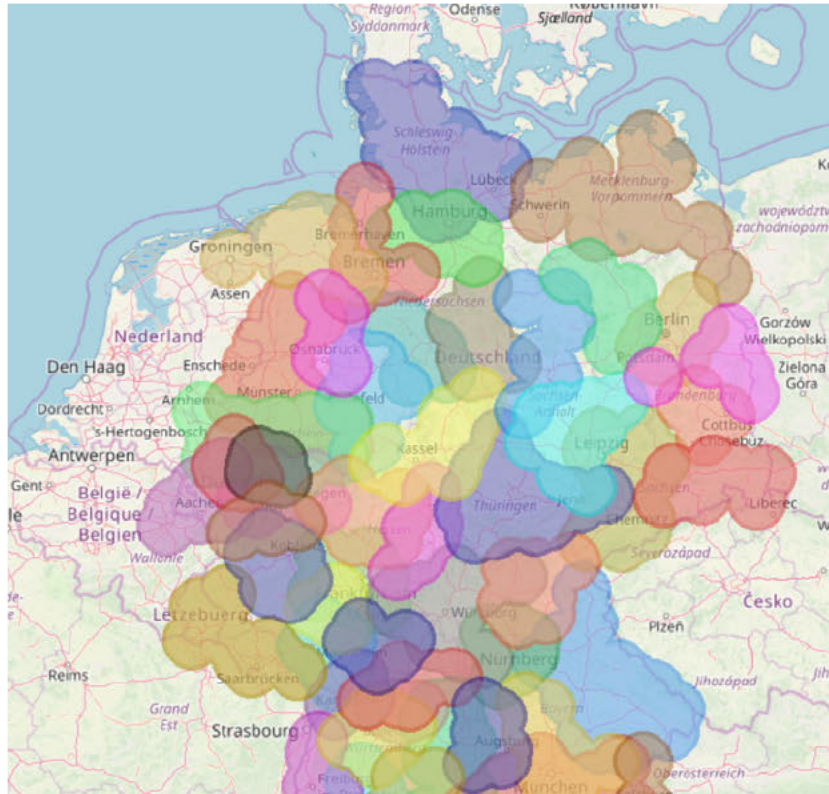
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ATLS® / ETC / PHTLS / TCCC / TDSC



TraumaNetzwerk DGU®



total prehospital treatment time (Germany)



72 ± 54 min

in hospital treatment time in ER (Germany)



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Performance / Quality indicator

...Quality indicators are figures which are presumed to be associated with the quality of care and outcome...



Examples

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Structure

- POC diagnostik
- MS-CT
- qualification of Staff
- blood bank
- SOP

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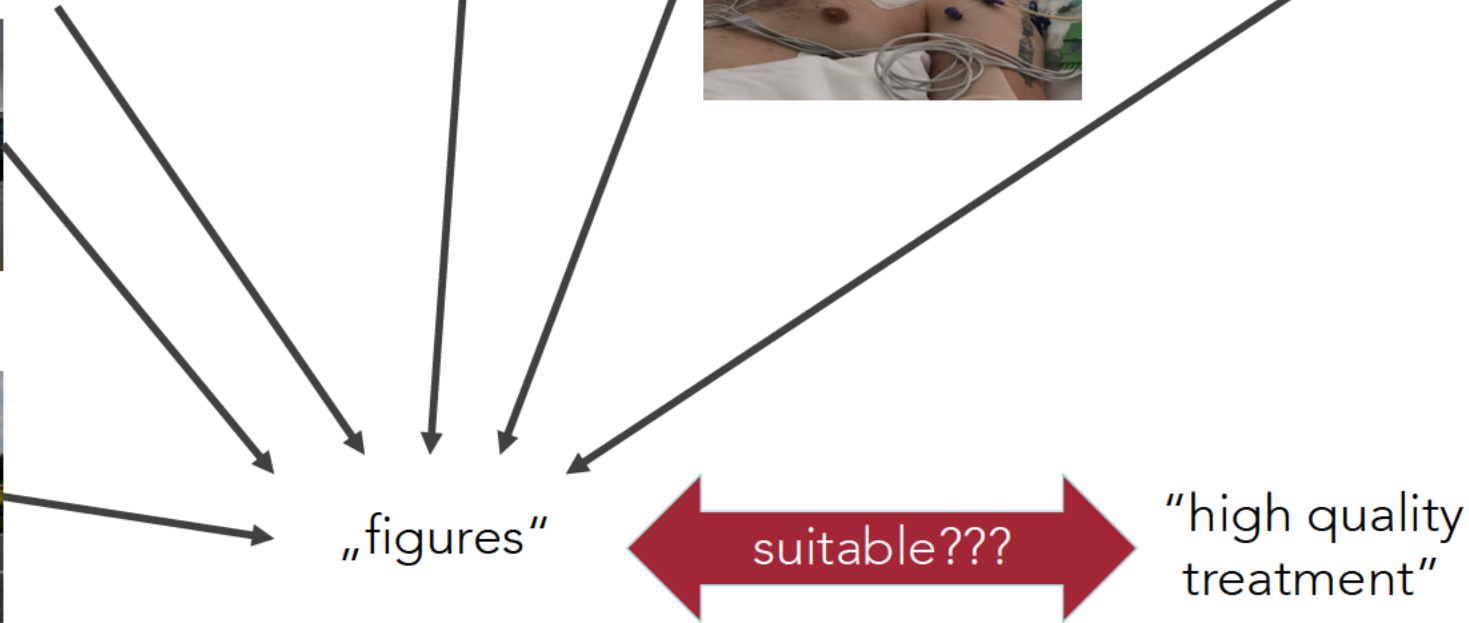
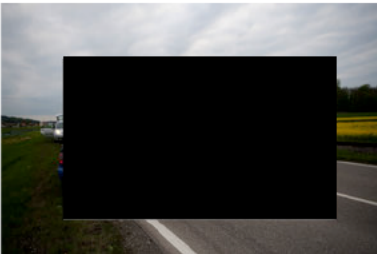
Process

- treatment time
- events
- actions

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Results

- mortality
- complications
- satisfaction
- costs



„figures“

suitable???

“high quality treatment”

Quality indicators TR-DGU in 2012

- For many years hardly nothing changed
- „unimportant“ (e.g. time until FAST) ?

Indicator	Your Hospital				TR-DGU	
	10 years	2010	2011	2012	2012	10 years
Primary admitted patients	n=681	n=66	n=141	n=156	n=26,377	n=97,101
1. Pre-hospital time from the accident until hospital admission; in patients with ISS \geq 16 [\bar{x} min \pm SD]	97 \pm 80 n=163	75 \pm 35 n=23	78 \pm 26 n=44	81 \pm 27 n=57	70 \pm 52 n=10,414	71 \pm 50 n=45,466
2. Intubation rate of unconscious patients (GCS \leq 8) [%; n / total]	93% 136 / 147	85% 11 / 13	87% 33 / 38	97% 30 / 31	84% 3394 / 4045	88% 16.431 / 18.618
3. Time from hospital admission until first x-ray of the thorax; in patients with ISS \geq 16 [\bar{x} min \pm SD]	37 \pm 21 n=18	7 \pm n=1	\pm n=0	38 \pm 30 n=3	16 \pm 22 n=4,750	13 \pm 19 n=22,218
4. Time from hospital admission until first x-ray of the pelvis; in patients with ISS \geq 16 [\bar{x} min \pm SD]	36 \pm 21 n=11	\pm n=0	23 \pm 15 n=3	40 \pm n=1	17 \pm 21 n=3,184	15 \pm 18 n=16,113
5. Time from hospital admission until abdominal sonography (FAST); in patients with ISS \geq 16 [\bar{x} min \pm SD]	4 \pm 4 n=451	9 \pm 7 n=21	5 \pm 3 n=111	5 \pm 4 n=125	7 \pm 11 n=8,877	7 \pm 11 n=36,311
6. Time from hospital admission until CT of the head (cCT); in patients with GCS $<$ 15 [\bar{x} min \pm SD]	15 \pm 11 n=268	14 \pm 7 n=26	16 \pm 13 n=66	17 \pm 14 n=73	23 \pm 17 n=9,604	24 \pm 18 n=36,758
7. Time from hospital admission until whole-body CT (WBCT); in all patients [\bar{x} min \pm SD]	16 \pm 11 n=368	16 \pm 8 n=48	15 \pm 11 n=108	15 \pm 12 n=126	24 \pm 18 n=17,673	24 \pm 18 n=55,892
8. Time from hospital admission until first emergency surgery; for selected interventions (see remarks below) [\bar{x} min \pm SD]	92 \pm 41 n=73	92 \pm 39 n=14	81 \pm 38 n=18	101 \pm 42 n=31	87 \pm 39 n=3,998	81 \pm 41 n=10,910

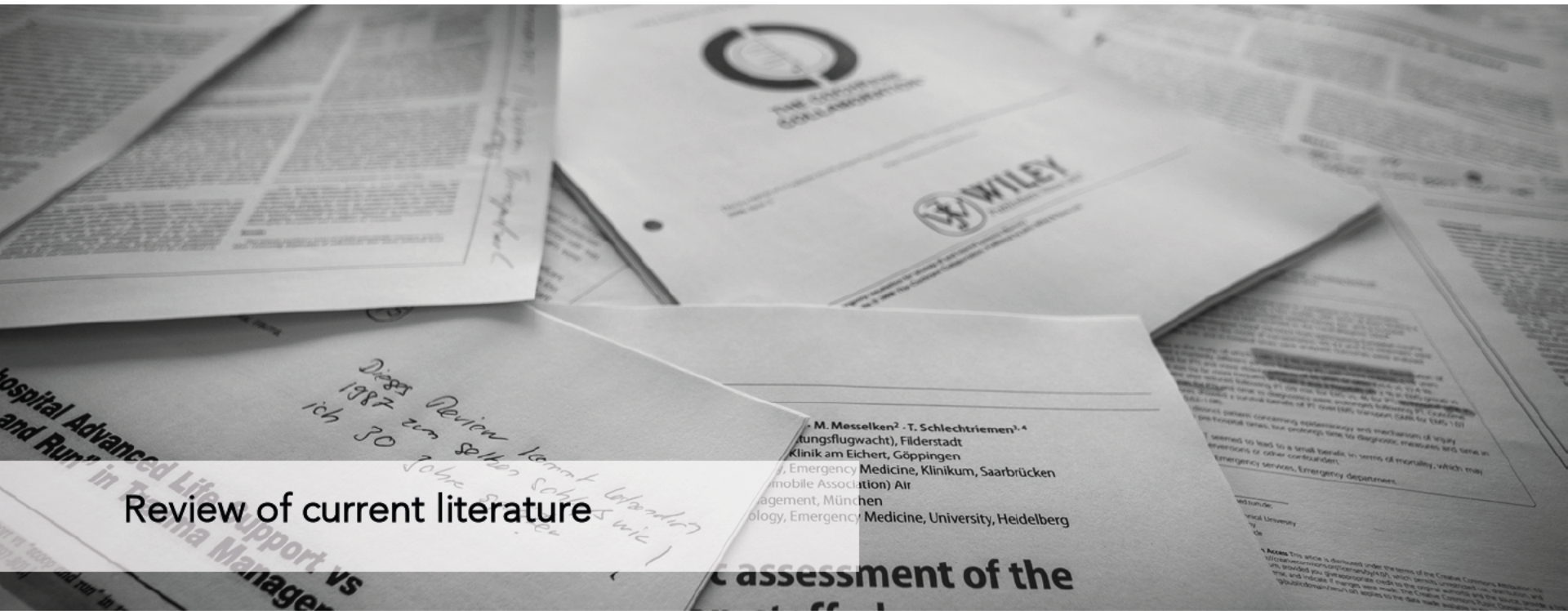
Evaluation of quality indicators – The RUMBA method

R	Relevant	The indicator is relevant concerning the result
U	Understandable	The staff and / or the community understand the indicator
M	Measurable	All needed figures are available (without efforts)
B	Behavioural	The team / the authority can influence the indicator
A	Achievable	Good results must be achievable

Evaluation of quality indicators – The QUALIFY method

".... QUALIFY is an instrument for the structured assessment of quality indicators in the health sector. It checks whether these (indicators) are capable of reliably representing differences in the quality of care. The instrument (QUALIFY) has been designed to be used in all sectors of medical care (outpatient and inpatient acute care, outpatient and inpatient rehabilitation) ..."





Review of current literature

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Assessment of the

Review of potential quality indicators for the TraumaRegister DGU®

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Identification of potential quality indicators

- TR-DGU 9, TARN 14, ATLS 17, S3 guideline polytrauma 57, review of literature 39, experts wish 2

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Exclusion of 69 QI due to

- Multiple nomination, overlaps

43

Exclusion of 25 QI

- can not be recorded with the Trauma Register DGU dataset
- does not fit with the the inclusion criteria of the TR-DGU

- QUALIFY assessment

- Stabilization of coagulation parameters
- Missed injury
- Prehospital placement of thoracic drains AND replacement/placement at resuscitation room
- Explorative laparotomy
- Shock on admission (severe TBI)
- Prehospital respiratory rate measurement available
- Prehospital intubation and ventilation in patients with RR < 6
- Number of thromboembolic events
- Non-fixation of femur fracture
- Time spent in resuscitation room
- Prehospital analgosedation
- CT in critically injured patients
- Complications (e.g. sepsis)
- Craniotomy for intracranial hemorrhage (AIS 5)
- Length of stay in the intensive care unit
- Length of stay at the hospital
- Pulse oximetry after chest trauma
- Administration of fibrinogen for fibrinogen deficit
- Documentation of GCS and pupil reaction and width
- Shock on admission (severe TBI)
- Time between accident and hospital admission
- Time until radiography of the chest
- Time until radiography of the pelvis
- Blood oxygen level < 90 percent without artificial respiration (Prehospital)
- Time until start of transfusion
- Time until laparotomy for abdominal trauma
- Arterial blood gas analysis (ABG) done / Base excess (BE) documented
- FAST done for patients without CT
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- Time between hospital admission and FAST
- Prehospital airway management in unconscious patients (GCS < 9)
- Time until surgery for hemorrhagic shock
- Time until craniotomy for severe TBI
- Complete basic diagnostics available.
- Time until CCT with GCS < 15
- Prehospital capnometry (etCO₂) in intubated patients
- Time until first emergency surgical intervention (7-item list)
- Use of CCT with GCS > 14
- Application of pelvic sling belt (Prehospital)
- Time until surgical intervention for penetrating trauma
- Administration of tranexamic acid
- Mortality
- Time between hospital admission and WBCT

The QUALIFY Method

13 Experts

43 potential indicators

20 Questions:

- 3* Relevance
- 8* Scientific approach
- 9* Practicability

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Category	Criterion/key statement	Assessment made	Scale
Relevance	R1 Significance: "The indicator covers aspects of quality of life, morbidity, or mortality."	Yes	4-level
	R2 Benefit: "Use of the indicator can have a positive effect on the quality of care."	Yes	4-level
	R3 Potential risks/side effects: "No risks are known/assumed which may result from the use of the indicator."	Yes	4-level
Scientific approach	W1 Indicator evidence: For structure indicators: "The existence of the measured structure leads to a better result." For indicators regarding indication: "Meeting the measured indication criteria leads to a positive risk-benefit balance." For process indicators: "The existence of the measured process leads to a better result." For outcome indicators: "The measured outcome can be influenced by the service provider."	No	4-level
	W2 Unambiguity of definitions: "The indicator is defined clearly and unambiguously."	Yes	4-level
	W3 Reliability: "It is a reliable measurement."	No	4-level
	W4 Statistical ability to differentiate	No	4-level
	W5 Risk adjustment: "The indicator is sufficiently adjusted to risk" (Are all factors that are not caused by the user taken into due account?)	No	4-level
	W6 Sensitivity: "The indicator provides sufficient sensitivity."	No	4-level
	W7 Specificity: "The indicator provides sufficient specificity."	No	4-level
	W8 Validity: "The indicator provides sufficient validity."	No	4-level
Practicability	P1 Understandability and interpretability for patients and interested public	Yes	4-level
	P2 Understandability and interpretability for medical and nursing personnel	Yes	4-level
	P3 Possibility to influence the indicator manifestation: "The quality indicator refers to an aspect of care which can be influenced by the actors to be assessed."	Yes	4-level
	P4 Availability of data: "The data are documented by the service provider as a routine or can be collected with acceptable effort."	yes	4-level
	P5 Data collection effort: "There is no data collection method available that provides at least equivalent results with less effort."	Yes	2-level
	P6 Implementation barriers: "Implementation barriers are unknown or covered by adequate measures."	Yes	4-level
	P7 Accuracy: "The correctness of the data can be verified."	Yes	2-level
	P8 Data integrity: "Is the individual data set intact?"	Yes	2-level
	P9 Completeness of the data: "Is it possible to verify that all occurring cases were recorded?"	Yes	2-level

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Consents in experts' QUALIFY rating

ID	Description	Consensus Value										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR82	Stabilization of coagulation parameters	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR88	Missed injury	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR59	Prehospital placement of thoracic drains AND replacement/placement at resuscitation room	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR97	Explorative laparotomy	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR83	Shock on admission (severe TBI)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR23	Prehospital respiratory rate measurement available	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR86	Prehospital intubation and ventilation in patients with RR < 6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR89	Number of thromboembolic events	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR15	Non-fixation of femur fracture	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR10	Time spent in resuscitation room	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR92	Prehospital analgesiation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR80	CT in critically injured patients	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR17	Complications (e.g. sepsis)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR96	Craniotomy for intracranial hemorrhage (AIS 5)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR78	Length of stay in the intensive care unit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR62	Length of stay at the hospital	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR12	Pulse oximetry after chest trauma	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR85	Administration of fibrinogen for fibrinogen deficit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR84	Documentation of GCS and pupil reaction and width	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR91	Shock on admission (severe TBI)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR71	Time between accident and hospital admission	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR93	Time until radiography of the chest	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR44	Time until radiography of the pelvis	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR99	Blood oxygen level < 90 percent without artificial respiration (Prehospital)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR100	Time until start of transfusion	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR43	Time until laparotomy for abdominal trauma	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR87	Arterial blood gas analysis (ABG) done / Base excess (BE) documented	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR81	FAST done for patients without CT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR42	Time until CT / radiography of the pelvis in patients with pelvis fracture	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR74	Time between hospital admission and FAST	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR14	Prehospital airway management in unconscious patients (GCS < 9)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR48	Time until surgery for hemorrhagic shock	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR18	Time until craniotomy for severe TBI	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR02	Complete basic diagnostics available.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR75	Time until CCT with GCS < 15	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR04	Prehospital capnometry (etCO2) in intubated patients	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR50	Time until first emergency surgical intervention (7-item list)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR77	Use of CCT with GCS > 14	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR16	Application of pelvic sling belt (Prehospital)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR49	Time until surgical intervention for penetrating trauma	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR88	Administration of tranexamic acid	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR13	Mortality	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TR76	Time between hospital admission and WBCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

Description of the indicator

Code No. of
the indicatorMean value of the 3
relevance criteria
used as a rough
measure to determine
the sequence**Quality indicator: TR91****3.1***Shock on admission (severe TBI)*

R1 Relevance	3.4	
R2 Benefit	3.2	
R3 Potential risks/side effects	2.8	
W2 Unambiguity of definition	3.6	
P1 Understandability for the patient	2.5	
P2 Understandability for medical/nursing personnel	3.8	
P3 Possibility to take influence	1.8	
P4 Availability of data/effort involved	4.0	
P6 Implementation barriers	3.1	

Coding	Mean
	> 3.5
	> 3.0
	>= 2.5
	< 2.5

QUALIFY
criteriaMean rating
value

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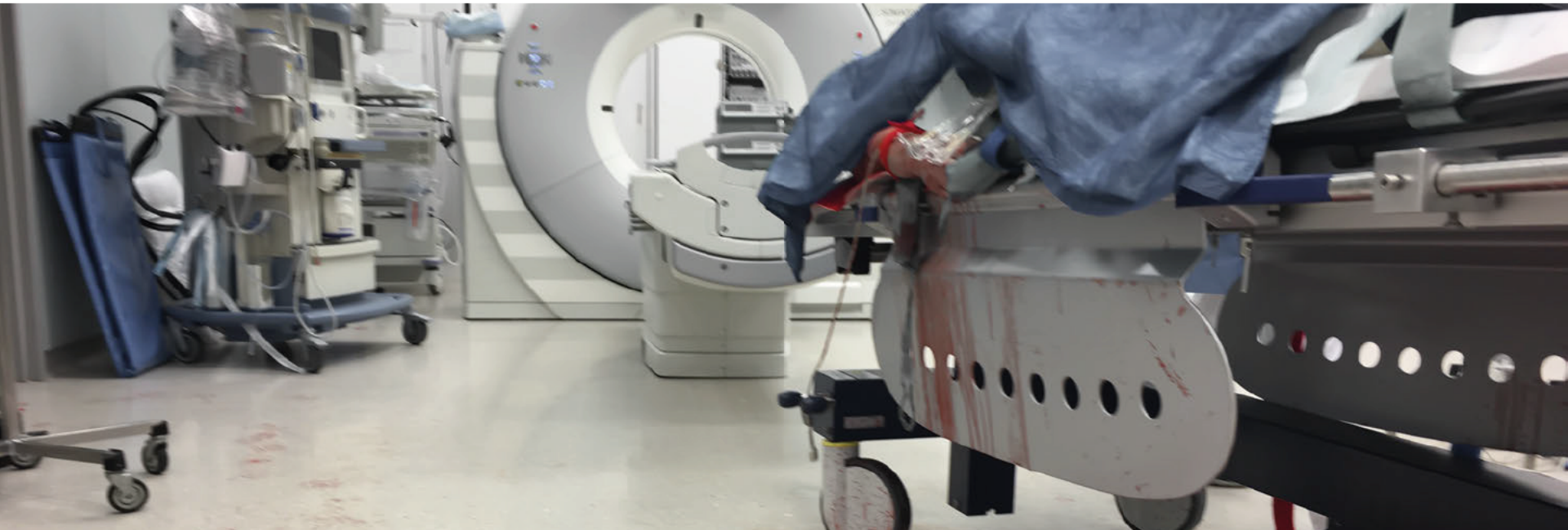
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Evaluation of new quality indicators for the TraumaRegister DGU® using the systematic QUALIFY methodology

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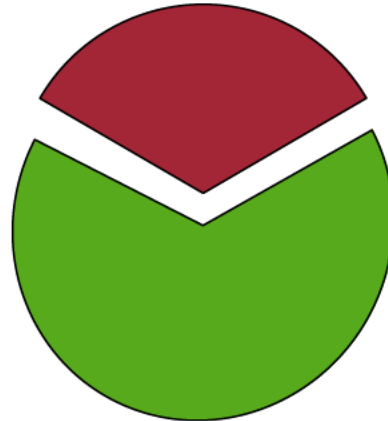


Material and Method

- TR-DGU project ID 2017-037
- Dataset:
 - national (German) trauma centers
 - 5 years: 2012-2016
 - primary admitted patients (no secondary transferred patients)
 - n=111.656
- Evaluation of all potential performance indicators

“Indicator view”

patients with a negative indicator characteristic



$\frac{\text{observed mortality rate}}{\text{RISC II mortality rate}} > 1 \longrightarrow \text{bad outcome}$

$\frac{\text{observed mortality rate}}{\text{RISC II mortality rate}} < 1 \longrightarrow \text{good outcome}$

patients with a positive indicator characteristic

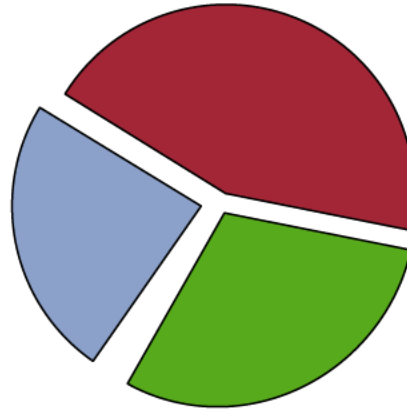
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“Trauma center view”

Trauma centers with “low performance” $SMR > 1$
n=97 trauma center
42% of all patients

→ low degree of indicator fulfillment

Trauma centers with < 200 cases/5 years
n=506 trauma centers
26% all patients



Trauma centers with “good performance” $SMR < 1$
n=71 trauma center
32% of all patients

→ high degree of indicator fulfillment

080 Computed tomography in severely injured patient

Observed collective (denominator)	Severe trauma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GCS \leq 12 ▪ HR > 120/min ▪ BP < 100 mmHg ▪ RR > 30/min ▪ \geq 2 body regions with AIS \geq3 ▪ High energy trauma 			Cases: n = 83,042 (74,4 % of the whole collective)		
indicator (counter)	positively rated result: CT performed			n = 76424 (92,0 %)		
Trauma center view	n			Ratio QI „positiv“		rating
“good performing TCs”	27,178			93.6 %		
“low performing TCs”	36,451			94.2 %		
Small trauma centers	19,413			85.7 %		
Indicator view	n	ISS (MW)	mortality	RISC II	Δ	rating
QI fulfilled	76,424	19.7	11.9 %	11.4 %	+ 0.6 %	
QI not fulfilled	6618	18.9	24.3 %	20.9 %	+ 3.4 %	

unclear

good performance indicator

018 Time until decompressive craniotomy in severe TBI

Observed collective (denominator)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIS-Head > 3 • craniotomy • time until surgery < 300 minutes 		Cases: n=4,021 3,6 % of the whole collective				
indicator (counter)	time until start of surgical procedure		mean (n=4,021): 84.8 minutes				
Hospital view	n	mean	SD	Median	rating		
“Good performing TCs”	1,423	84.2	42.9	75.0	unclear		
“Bad performing TCs”	2,261	84.3	43.1	75.0			
Small trauma centers	337	90.5	48.3	80.0			
Indicator view	n	ISS (mean)	observed death rate	expected death rate (RISC II)	Δ	rating	
Q1	0 – 57 minutes	1,011	29.7	41,5 %	34,7 %	+ 6,9 %	not suitable as performance indicator
Q2	58 – 75 minutes	1,016	29.7	38,8 %	32,3 %	+ 6,5 %	
Q3	76 – 101 minutes	1,007	29.1	33,0 %	30,1 %	+ 2,9 %	
Q4	> 101 minutes	987	28.1	25,2 %	24,8 %	+ 0,4 %	

20 of 40 Quality indicators had a positive correlation to mortality

QI-ID	potential performance indicator	trauma center view	indicator view
004	etCO ₂ / Kapnometrie bei intubierten Patienten*	Green	Green
081	Sonografie durchgeführt falls kein GK-CT	Green	Green
012	Pulse Oxymetrie beim Thoraxtrauma	Yellow	Green
042	Zeit bis zum CT / Röntgen-Becken bei Patienten mit Beckenfraktur	Yellow	Green
077	cCT bei GCS <14	Yellow	Green
080	CT beim kritisch Verletzten	Yellow	Green
094	Dokumentation von GCS und Pupillenreaktion und Pupillenweite	Green	Yellow
002	Vollständige Basisdiagnostik vorhanden	Yellow	Green
096	Kraniotomie bei intrakraniellen Blutungen (A S 5)*	Yellow	Green
099	SPO ₂ < 90 ohne Intubation	Red	Green
016	Anlage Beckengurt*	Green	Red
014	Prähospitale Intubation bewusstloser Patienten (GSC ≤ 8)	Red	Green
043	Zeit bis zur Laparotomie bei Abdominaltrauma	Green	Red
010	Zeit im Schockraum	Green	Red
098	Gabe von Tranexamsäure*	Red	Green
017	Komplikationen (z.B. Sepsis)	Red	Green
083	Hypothermie bei CU Aufnahme**	Red	Green
089	Anzahl thromboembolischer Ereignisse	Red	Green
015	Nicht-Fixierung Femurfraktur	Red	Green
097	Explorative Laparotomie*	Red	Green

* ab TR-DGU Datensatz Version 2015
 ** Hypothermie = ≤ 35°Celsius

- Clinical relevant differences are hard to find
- Different results depending on the used method!
- „small trauma centers“ achieved more often negative results
- CAVE: outcome parameter is survival of the patient

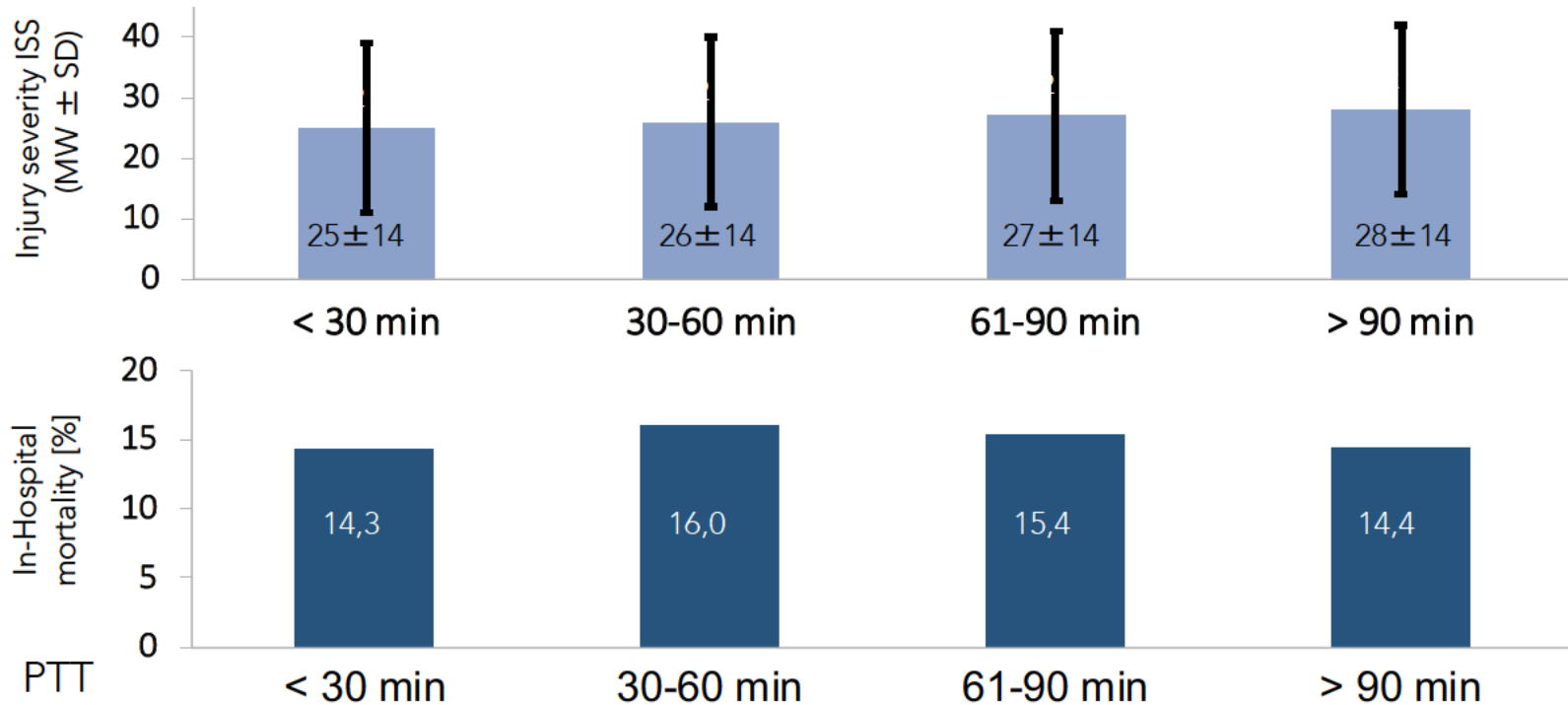
15 of 40 Indicators show a positive QUALIFY and a positive scientific evaluation

QI-ID	potential performance indicator	trauma center view	indicator view	QUALIFY	TR-DGU (2017)
Prähospital (n=5)					
004	etCO ₂ / Kapnometrie bei intubierten Patienten			3,8	X
012	Pulsoxymetrie beim Thoraxtrauma			3,6	
099	SpO ₂ < 90% ohne Intubation			3,7	
016	Anlage Beckengurt			3,6	X
014	Intubation bewusstloser Patienten (GSC ≤ 8) ^a			3,6	X
Zeiten im Schockraum (n=1)					
043	Zeit bis zur Laparotomie bei Abdominaltrauma			3,4	
Interventionen/Ereignisse im Schockraum (n=9)					
081	FAST durchgeführt, falls kein GK-CT			3,3	X
077	cCT bei GCS < 14			3,6	X
080	CT beim kritisch Verletzten			3,6	
094	Dokumentation von GCS, Pupillenreaktion und Pupillenweite			3,4	
002	Vollständige Basisdiagnostik vorhanden			3,4	X
096	Kraniotomie bei intrakraniellen Blutungen (AIS 5)			3,3	X
098	Gabe von Tranexamsäure			3,5	X
017	Komplikationen (z.B. Sepsis)			3,3	
083	Hypothermie (≤ 35°C) bei ICU-Aufnahme			3,2	

Negative QUALIFY AND a negative scientific evaluation

QI-ID	potential performance indicator	trauma center view	indicator view	QUALIFY	TR-DGU (2017)
023	Messung der AF vorhanden			2,8	
093	Zeit bis zum Röntgen-Thorax			2,1	
074	Zeit bis Abdomen-Sonographie			2,8	
059	Thoraxdrainage prähospital UND Neuanlage im Schockraum			2,4	
092	Anästhesie			2,3	
044	Zeit zwischen Knochenaufnahme und Röntgen Becken			2,1	
071	Prähospitalzeit und Knochenaufnahme			3,0	X
086	Intubation bei AF < 6 oder alternative Atemwegssicherung			2,7	

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Unequal QUALIFY and scientific evaluation

QI-ID	Potential performance indicator	trauma center view	indicator view	QUALIFY	TR-DGU (2017)
Prähospital					
091	Schock bei Aufnahme (schweres SHT)			3,1	
Prozesszeiten im Schockraum					
042	Zeit bis zum CT / Rö-Becken bei Patienten mit Beckenfraktur			3,0	
010	Zeit im Schockraum			2,7	
076	Zeit zwischen Krankenaufnahme und Ganzkörper-CT			3,6	X
018	Zeit bis zur Kranotomie bei schwerem SHT			3,5	
100	Zeit bis zur Transfusion***			3,5	X
050	Zeit bis zum ersten Notfalleingriff (7er Liste)			3,6	X
048	Zeit bis zur OP im hämorrhagischen Schock			3,6	X
049	Zeit bis OP bei penetrierendem Trauma			3,5	X
075	Zeit bis CCT bei GCS <15			3,1	
Interventionen/Ereignisse im Schockraum					
089	Anzahl thromboembolischer Ereignisse			2,9	
015	Nicht-Fixierung Femurfraktur			2,8	
097	Explorative Laparotomie*			2,1	
085	Gabe Fibrinogen bei Fibrinogendefizit			3,6	
088	Übersehene Verletzungen			3,1	
082	Stabilisierung der Gerinnungsparameter			3,5	
087	Biotgasanalyse durchgeführt / BE vorhanden			3,3	

Results

- Observed outcome parameter was the survival of the patient / hospital mortality.
- 50% of the potential performance indicators have a correlation to hospital mortality
- Clinically relevant (important) differences are hard to find
- Performance indicators observing interventions or events show better results than those measuring time intervals
- „small trauma centers“ achieve more often negative results

“Top Performance Indicator”

- Use of capnography in intubated patients (ID 004)
- A FAST was performed if no WB-CT was done (ID 081)

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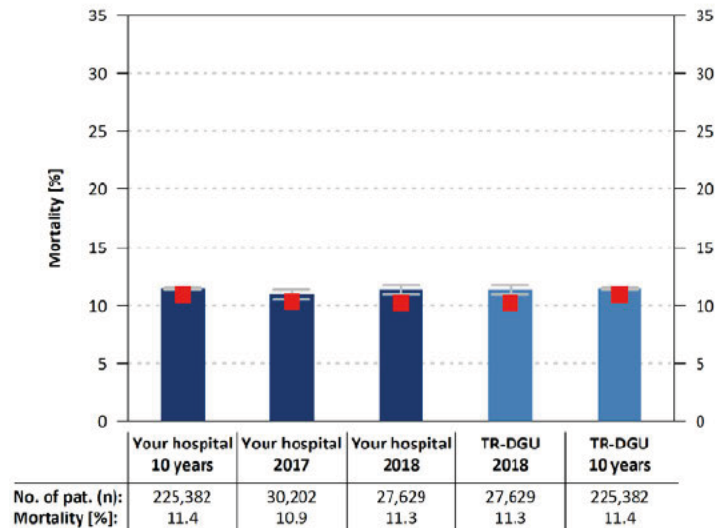
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Observed mortality rate versus risc prognosis

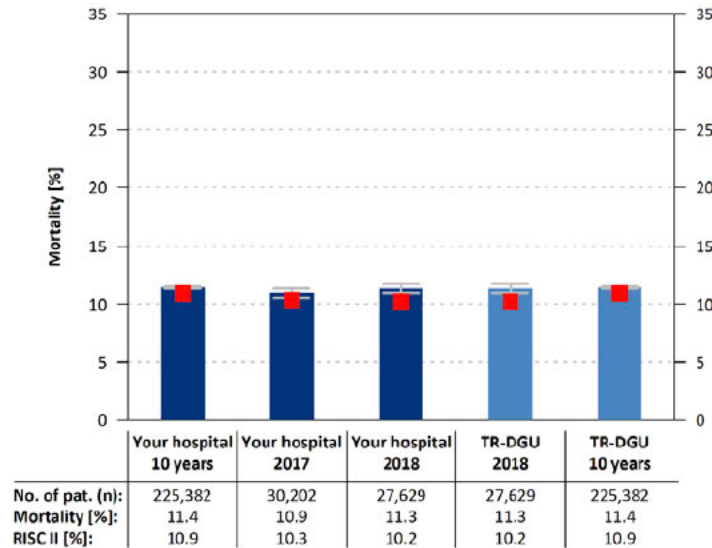


Figure 2: Observed mortality and risk of death prognosis (RISC II)

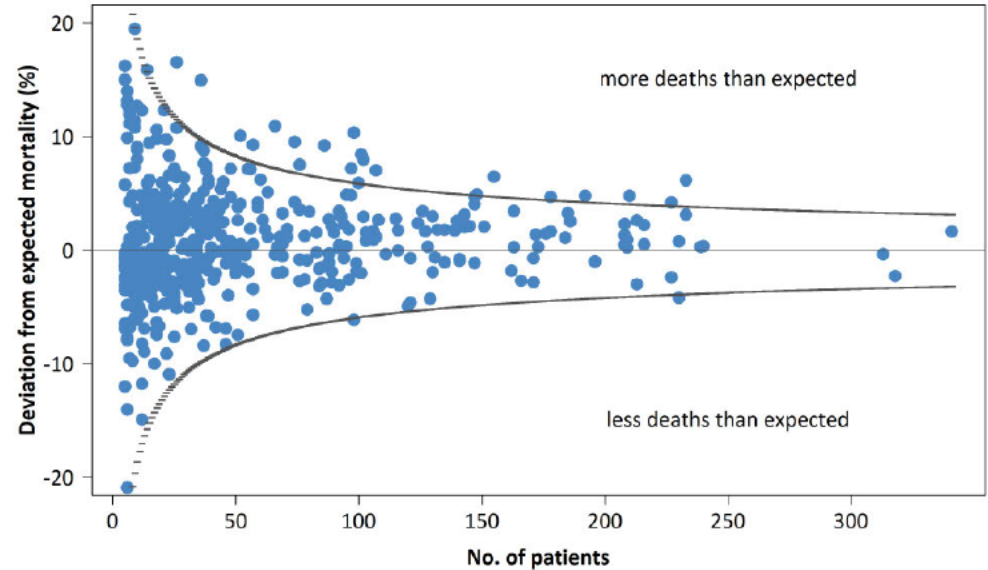
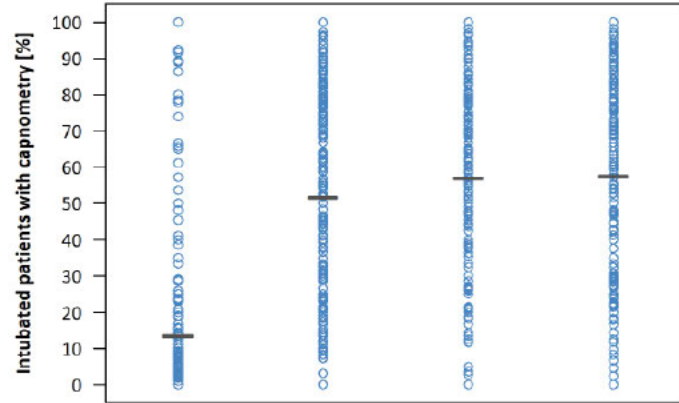


Figure 3: Deviation between the observed mortality and the risk of death prognosis (RISC II) of every in the TR-DGU participating hospital with more than 5 cases in the year 2018, ◆: Your hospital

4.1.2 Capnometry in intubated patients

A capnometry in intubated patients allows to detect a malpositioning of the tubus. Only patients with a prehospital endotracheal intubation with valid data for capnometry are considered here (since dataset revision 2015). Intubated patients without data to the capnometry cannot be analysed (n = 1,803).

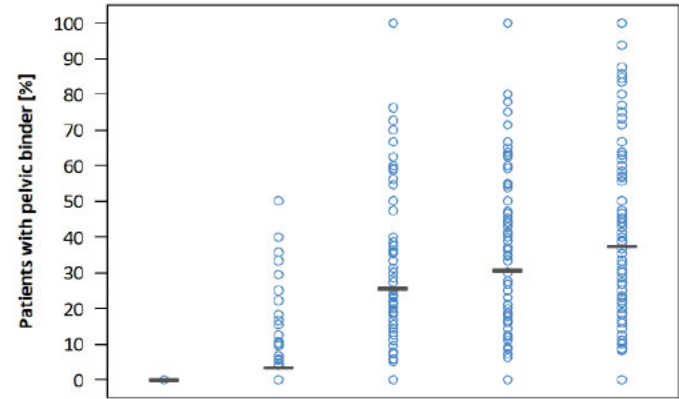


Year:	2015	2016	2017	2018
Your hospital:	14 %	52 %	57 %	57 %
Capnometry (n):	876	3,390	3,666	3,355
Intubated (N):	6,478	6,545	6,429	5,835
TR-DGU:	14 %	52 %	57 %	57 %
Capnometry (n):	876	3,390	3,666	3,355
Intubated (N):	6,478	6,545	6,429	5,835

Figure 5: Distribution of the capnometry rate in prehospital intubated patients over all hospitals, 2015-2018, ♦ Your hospital, — TR-DGU, ○ single hospital value

4.1.4 Pelvic binder in pelvic fracture

The stabilisation of an instable pelvic fracture can help to improve the hemodynamic status of the patient. Only cases with a pelvic fracture (AIS severity 3 to 5) are considered here. The pelvic binder is documented in the standard dataset only (since the dataset revision 2020).

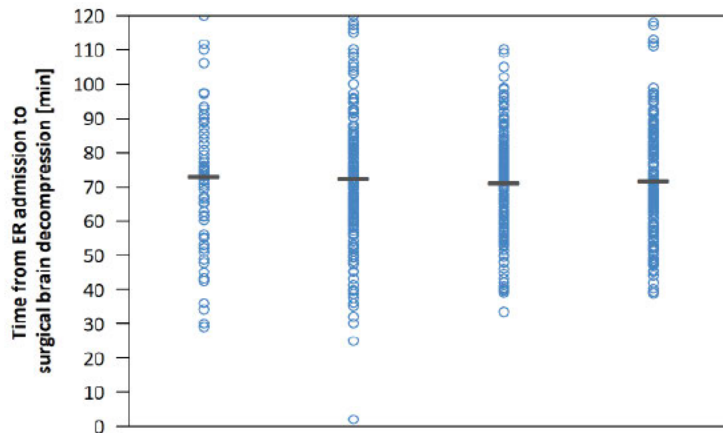


Year:	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Your hospital:	0 %	3 %	26 %	31 %	37 %
Pelvic binder (n):	0	46	364	465	512
Pelvic fracture (N):	1,275	1,329	1,422	1,512	1,366
TR-DGU:	0 %	3 %	26 %	31 %	37 %
Pelvic binder (n):	0	46	364	465	512
Pelvic fracture (N):	1,275	1,329	1,422	1,512	1,366

Figure 7: Distribution of the pelvic binder rate in patients with an instable pelvic fracture over all hospitals, 2014-2018, ♦ Your hospital, — TR-DGU, ○ single hospital value

4.2.6 Surgical brain decompression

In patients with intracranial bleeding after severe traumatic brain injury (TBI, AIS severity = 5) a surgical brain decompression is indicated. Only surgery patients with a valid time to surgery (max. 120 minutes) and AIS severity degree of 5 are considered in this analysis.

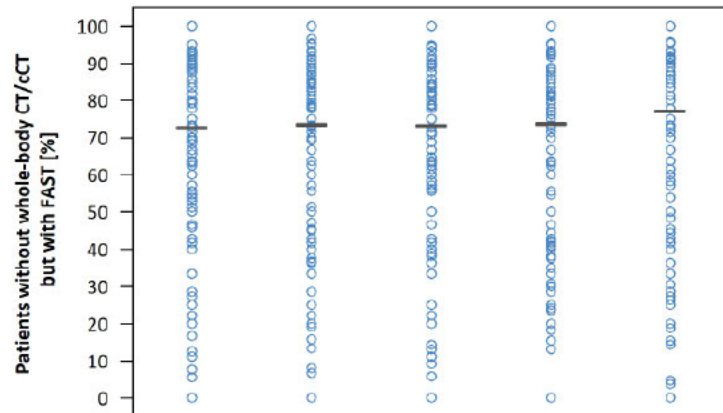


Year:	2015	2016	2017	2018
Your hospital:	73 [min]	72 [min]	71 [min]	72 [min]
n:	192	796	789	702
Min-Max:	20-120 [min]	2-120 [min]	1-120 [min]	15-120 [min]
TR-DGU:	73 [min]	72 [min]	71 [min]	72 [min]
n:	192	796	789	702
Min-Max:	20-120 [min]	2-120 [min]	1-120 [min]	15-120 [min]

Figure 13: Distribution of the mean duration from admission to the ER until surgical brain decompression over all hospitals, 2015-2018, ◆ Your hospital, — TR-DGU, ○ single hospital value

4.3.2 Sonography in patients without CT

If no whole-body CT / cCT has been performed, abdominal sonography (FAST = Focused Assessment with Sonography for Trauma) should be part of the diagnostic work-up. All patients with no documented whole-body CT / cCT are included in this analysis. A missing value regarding the FAST is considered as „not performed“.



Year:	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Your hospital:	73 %	74 %	73 %	74 %	77 %
FAST (n):	2,038	2,119	2,045	2,080	1,947
No WBCT/cCT (N):	2,800	2,875	2,791	2,814	2,522
TR-DGU:	73 %	74 %	73 %	74 %	77 %
FAST (n):	2,038	2,119	2,045	2,080	1,947
No WBCT/cCT (N):	2,800	2,875	2,791	2,814	2,522

Figure 15: Distribution of the sonography rate in patients without whole-body CT / cCT over all hospitals, 2014-2018, ◆ Your hospital, — TR-DGU, ○ single hospital value



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~~The perfect performance indicators~~ in trauma

- The evaluation of potential performance indicators using registry data can effectively support an increase in quality of care
- Indicators that focus on interventions or events are more often associated with mortality than indicators that measure time intervals
- The expert recommendations of the performance indicators currently listed in the TR-DGU annual report were largely confirmed by the empirical evaluation
- Indicators that are not associated with an improved outcome should be reviewed through in-depth analysis to see if an improvement in the indicator can be achieved