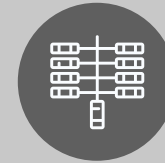


STANDARDIZING DIAGNOSIS AND CARE FOR OBESITY

GERMANY



DETAILS



In August the G-BA commissioned the Institute for Quality and Efficiency in Health Care (IQWiG) to research and evaluate the medical guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of obesity and will be the basis for creating a Disease Management Program (DMP).

This evaluation is required by the G-BA to develop sound requirements for treating obesity and improving patient care. The evaluation will:

- assess how obesity is currently diagnosed and treated,
- define precise therapeutic and supportive measures,
- identify age-specific health-promoting behaviors, and
- find ways to positively impact patients' obesity, thereby avoiding unnecessary complications and secondary diseases.

CONCLUSIONS & POTENTIAL DIRECTION

A structured DMP will lead to a standardization of the care situation and also to identify a pharmaceutical treatment strategy including treatments labelled and dedicated in the obesity indication, as well as treatments commonly used in obesity treatment, but with a different target label. This will be critical for any new molecule developments in the indication and anticipation of potential HTA comparator therapies.

Source: <https://www.g-ba.de/presse/pressemitteilungen-meldungen/975/>



CONTEXT

Previously, there has been no standardized diagnosis of obesity and hence, no set treatment plans. The German Federal Joint Committee (G-BA) is now working to create a structured treatment program for obesity.

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