



Osteopathy – a global presence



#### Osteopathy in Germany - Development and Strategies

Challenges of implementing Osteopathy as a primary health care profession in Germany

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### Situation in Germany Overview

- 10.000 Osteopaths

  Most of them organized in osteopathic associations
  - 10 million patients` contacts
  - 100 insurances subsidize Osteopathy (more than 130 million € in 2013)



### Situation in Germany Overview

#### Osteopathy is being offered by:

- Physican and "Heilpraktiker"
- Physiotherapists with additional osteopathic education
  - Basic educated Osteopaths
    - Academic Osteopaths



### Situation in Germany Overview

Osteopathy from the economic point of view:

10.000 Osteopaths

5.000 employed practice assistants

10 million patient contacts

1,5 billion € (1,8 billion USD) turnover per year

450 € (540 million USD) taxes per year



## Osteopathy in Germany History

**Building up the first Osteopathic Association in Germany** 



### Osteopathy in Germany History



- VOD was established as the first Osteopathic Association in Germany in 1994
  - And is the only non profit Organisation for Osteopathy



#### Osteopathy in Germany History



More than 4.300 members in 2017



## Osteopathy in Germany Targets



- Working for establishing the profession Osteopath in the German health system
  - Quality management supervision



### Osteopathy in Germany Member Services









Campaigns for establishing the profession





 Campaigns for promoting Osteopathy (International Osteopathic Health Week 2016)





• Campaigns for promoting Osteopathy "Children for Tomorrow"– (Osteopathic Health Week 2014)





Campaigns for promoting Osteopathy
 Annually Charity Project – 2017 for handycapped Children



#### Osteopathy in Germany Information





- Informing and explaining
- Annually Fairs



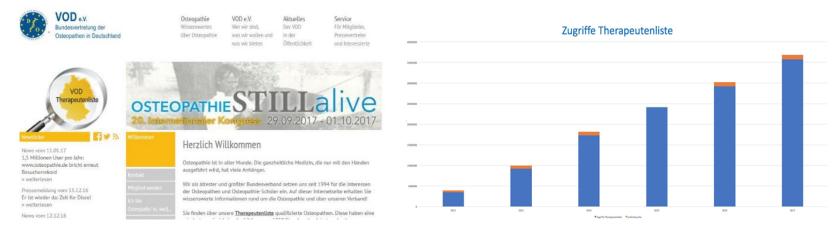
### Osteopathy in Germany Information



- Informing and explaining to public and politics
- Public health fairs



### Osteopathy in Germany Information



Running biggest German website for Osteopathy

**Facebook and Twitter-Activities and vodevosteo canal** 

www.osteopathie.de



### Osteopathy in Germany Congresses



- International Congresses
- 2017 is the 20th VOD-Congress

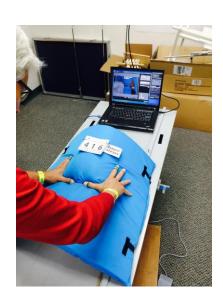






Scientific further development and studies







PALPATION PROJECT AT THE UNIVERSITY FRESENIUS UNDER SUPERVISION OT THE ATSRI



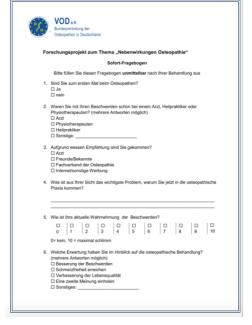




Official German cooperation partner DO-Touch-Net-Project

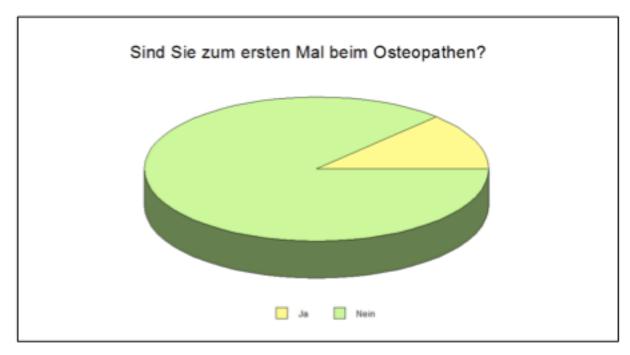






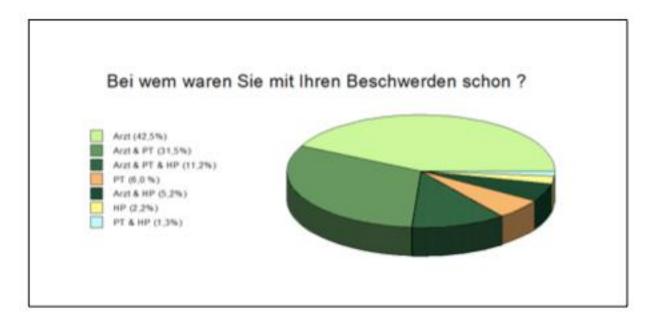
 Combined with the adverse advance study we set up an additional study.





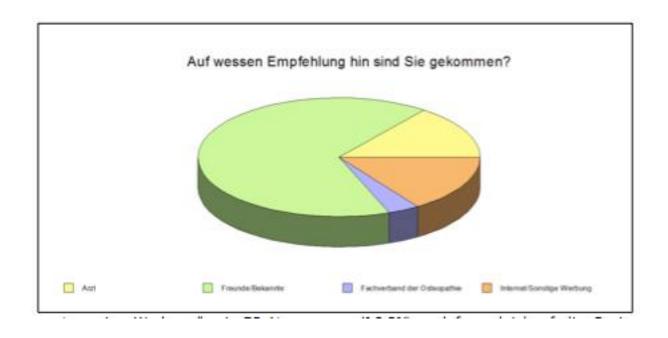
Is it the first time you see an Osteopath?





Who did you already consult?





Who recommended the Osteopath?





Cost-Effectiveness-Study – BKK Advita Insurance Reducing costs in health system for more than 15%





**Newborn Study - AFO** 



#### Osteopathy in Germany Print & PR



VOD-News, DO and Patients Magazine



#### Osteopathy in Germany International Networking



• International Engagement

FORE, EFO, OIA



- More than 20 schools/institutes/academies with up to 5 years of Osteopathy-Education
   First started in 1989
   Different types of education (full time & part-time)
- The VOD cooperates with several partner-schools an gives recommendations





3 Universities
 Fresenius Idstein,
 Fresenius Munich,
 Dresden University ,DIU



- In 2008 the VOD initiated the process of academization and developed the curriculum for the first German Bachelor program in Osteopathy in cooperation with a workinggroup of 10 different osteopathic professors to achieve a comment consent
- From 2010 on the VOD gave support for the first osteopathic full time program Bachelor, BSc
- (also financial support / Start-up-financial support)



• FULL ACCREDITATED MASTER PROGRAM WAS STARTED in 2015, NEXT STEP to set up PhD Progams







Regularly contact and exchange with ministries and parliament





**Expert-Meetings in the German Parliament** 





**Working together with other Osteopathic Associations** 





**Developed job profile for Osteopathy** 





VOD succeeded in stopping the implementation of Osteopathy into Physiotherapy and the end of Osteopathy in October 2016





**Expecting new regulation after election in autumn 2017** 



### Thank You very much for Your kind attention!

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