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FOCUS GROUPS WITH PSORIASIS-PATIENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STANDARD DATASET FOR THE DOCUMENTATION OF PSORIASIS

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Introduction: Outcomes measurement is a major component of modern psoriasis management in practice. However, full electronic monitoring and documentation systems are rare.

Objective: The current project aims to examine patients' perspectives on the relevance of different patient information including clinical- and patient-reported-outcomes to support the development of a standard dataset for the documentation of psoriasis in practice. This dataset will be integrated in an electronic monitoring and documentation system.

Material and Methods: The selection of outcomes instruments (n= 60) was based on a systematic literature review. 14 patients discussed the importance of the instruments and patient information in three focus groups. The interviews were recorded digitally, fully transcribed and subjected to content analysis by two encoders. Thereby, arguments for or against the different patient information were focused.

Results: The category system included the following main-categories for each of the patient information: final decision, arguments for integration in dataset, arguments against integration in dataset. Concerning general patient- and anamnesis data the patients especially discussed, if the data has an influence on psoriasis or its medication (subcategories). Most of the clinical outcomes were classified as very important, especially because of its relevance for dermatologists to make a therapy decision. Patient-reported-outcomes were mainly allocated to the minimal- and optimal dataset, because e.g. the knowledge is important for the dermatologist, the information is subjective and demonstrates a patient's suffer.

Conclusions: The results show the relevance of data for a documentation of psoriasis out of patient perspective. Most of the data was assessed as important. This results supported decision making of psoriasis experts on a standard dataset. The dataset will be used for documenting psoriasis in practice and builds the basis for an electronic monitoring- and











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