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Financing of Audits

Drawing on the Example Germany

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Clinical audit situation in Germany

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16 federal states

- quite independent how to fulfill the requirements
- some states have more than 1 organization to perform clinical audits (e.g. 1 for all clinics / 1 for all private practices / 1 for all other institutions)
- different entrusted institutions
 - general medical council
 - National Association of Statutory Health Insurance Physicians
- private organization
- different levying system and prices



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levying system

- paid by e.g.
 - regional Associations of Statutory Health Insurance Physicians (- -)
 - annual „flat rate“ (- -)
 - for each clinical audit dependent on e.g. and /or (+)
- number of medical devices (+)
- number of independent operators (+)
- invoice at cost (+/-)
- outcome of the clinical audit (- - - -)



Goals to be reached

1. non profit
2. simple to calculate
3. easy understandable for the customers
4. to a great extend fair-minded
5. close to none possibility for arguing
6. financial aspects should not become a motivation to enforce a re-audit for the auditing organization



Price range in Germany

Radiology

- 0,-- € to 1.250,-- € / device
(clinical audit mostly **not on-site**)

Nuclear medicine

- 300,-- € to 750,-- € / device
(clinical audit mostly **not on-site**)

Radiation therapy

- 1.000,-- € to 2.500,-- € / device
(clinical audit **always on-site**)



Clinical audit situation in Westfalen-Lippe (prices)

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- Radiology (for each audit)
- 375,-- € (100,-- €) / device
 - + 30% for each independent operator
(more examinations / treatments to looked at,
partly different examination spectrum)

Regular on-site audit
would cost ca. 750,-- € / device



Clinical audit situation in Westfalen-Lippe (prices)

- Nuclear medicine (for each audit)
- 500,-- € (750,-- €) / device
 - + 70% for each independent operator
(more examinations / treatments to looked at,
partly different spectrum)
 - + 70% for each further device of the same kind

Regular on-site audit
would cost ca. 1.000,-- €/ device



Clinical audit situation in Westfalen-Lippe (prices)

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- Radiation therapy (for each audit)
- 2.000,-- € / device
 - + 70% for each independent operator
(more treatments to looked at, partly different spectrum)
 - + 70% for each further device of the same kind

Regular on-site audit



Goals achieved for Westfalen-Lippe

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1. non profit
2. simple to calculate
3. easy understandable for the customers
4. to a great extend fair-minded
5. close to none possibility for arguing
6. motivation to avoid re-audit by the audited institution

To destroy illusions !



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There will be no extra money for quality assurance like clinical audit.

They will tell you:

“It is already prized in.”