Survey of 60 German healthcare professionals on what their awareness, use and value of patient services is across five therapeutic areas and general practitioners.
KEY FINDING #1
MOST HCPs ARE NOT VERY AWARE OF PATIENT SERVICES

Sales reps, followed by conferences are the primary ways HCPs hear about patient services. These top two ways are even more prevalent in Germany. Direct mail and news/media are also slightly more popular in Germany compared to the overall global average.

Q.6. Please select the top 5 channels through which you hear/learn about patient services offered by pharmaceutical/biotech companies the most. Please rank them in order of the channel you hear about patient services the most, to the channel you hear through the least. Rating per option

Base: Total Respondents (362)
Germany Respondents (60)
KEY FINDING #1
MOST HCPs ARE NOT VERY AWARE OF PATIENT SERVICES

Sales reps are the primary way HCPs hear about patient services, but most aren’t talking about them.

Q.8. How often do you hear about patient services during in-person visits from Sales Reps? Single-coded question

In Germany, 55% of HCPs said they hear about patient services from sales reps less than 25% (vs. 46% across all countries).

Base: Total Respondents (362)
Germany Respondents (60)
KEY FINDING #2
HCPs DON’T FREQUENTLY TALK ABOUT PATIENT SERVICES WITH THEIR PATIENTS

OVERALL, **JUST 15%** OF HCPs ALWAYS PERSONALLY SHARE INFORMATION ON PATIENT SERVICES

IN GERMANY, IT IS SIGNIFICANTLY LESS **AT 2%**

Q.19. How often do you personally share information regarding available patient services with your patients?
Single-coded question

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KEY FINDING #2
HCPs DON’T FREQUENTLY TALK ABOUT PATIENT SERVICES WITH THEIR PATIENTS

When HCPs do recommend them, they mainly do so to patients who are starting a new treatment.

In Germany, HCPs were more likely to recommend services when patients actively ask about them.

Initiating a new therapy/drug/device

When patients actively ask about them

When patients have a lot of questions that I do not have time to answer in a consultation

Providing a diagnosis to a patient

Having a patient that has difficulties in responding to a medication (only)

Q.11. What is the primary trigger for recommending a patient service? Please rank in order from the most important to the least important. RANK

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KEY FINDING #3
HCPs SEE BETTER PATIENT OUTCOMES AS THE PRIMARY REASON FOR USING SERVICES WITH PATIENTS

Delivering a better patient outcome is slightly higher than the all-country findings.

They help me deliver a better patient outcome
They help me provide patient care and support outside of my office environment and it easier for my patients to self-manage their disease
They provide valuable information to my patients
They have little/no benefits
They lower overall healthcare costs

Q.15. Please rank the following aspects of patient services in terms of how beneficial they are from the most beneficial aspect to the least beneficial aspect. Rating per option

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KEY FINDING #3
HCPs SEE BETTER PATIENT OUTCOMES AS THE PRIMARY REASON FOR USING SERVICES WITH PATIENTS

ONLY 1/3 OF SALES REPS PRESENT PATIENT SERVICES AS AN INTEGRATED SOLUTION THAT CAN HELP ACHIEVE TREATMENT OUTCOMES GLOBALLY

34% PRESENT PRODUCT AND SERVICE AS A HOLISTIC AND INTEGRATED SOLUTION TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES
65% PRESENT PRODUCT FIRST AND THEN THE SERVICES

THIS DECREASES TO 1 IN 4 IN GERMANY

25% PRESENT PRODUCT AND SERVICE AS A HOLISTIC AND INTEGRATED SOLUTION TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES
75% PRESENT PRODUCT FIRST AND THEN THE SERVICES

Q.9. When pharmaceutical reps are talking about patient services during in-person meetings, how do they present them? Single-coded question

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Germany Respondents (60)
SO WHAT DO PHARMA COMPANIES DO ABOUT THIS?

FILL THE COMMUNICATION GAPS

TO ENCOURAGE MORE HCPs TO RECOMMEND PATIENT SERVICES SO THAT PATIENTS CAN ACHIEVE BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES

R&D & COMMERCIAL GAP

Rigorously generate evidence on the impact of patient services on outcomes—starting with clinical trials

PRODUCT AND SERVICE GAP

Refocus commercial functions from developing and marketing brands to designing and marketing holistic patient solutions.

ENGAGEMENT GAP

Change the “conversations” with HCPs (and the market) to focus on outcomes—across all channels and with greater frequency.
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