Dear colleagues,

the “Deutsches Netzwerk Versorgungsforschung e.V. (DNVF)” (German Network Health Service Research) will be publishing the journal "Health Care Research & Implementation". It will appear twice a year as a supplement of the journal "Das Gesundheitswesen" as a digital open access publication. Through the cooperation with the journal "Das Gesundheitswesen", the articles are listed in Medline starting with the first issue, so the research results presented will appeal to an international readership from the very beginning. Additionally the DNVF journal has the impact factor of the journal "Das Gesundheitswesen" (currently IF 1.1).

The journal is directed to a broad, interdisciplinary international readership and aims to increase the visibility and awareness of German health care research in an international context. The journal will publish methodological and practice-related high-quality studies of health care and implementation research. Articles accepted for publication after a peer-review process will be published online Open Access in German and English. Editor in Chief is Prof. Dr. Jochen Schmitt, who leads the international editorial board consisting a multiperspective group of scientists and patient representatives.

The second issue of the journal will be published as an online supplement of the journal "Das Gesundheitswesen" at the DNVF General meeting on May, 15th 2024.

The supplement "Health Care Research & Implementation" publishes original articles on methodologically high-quality quantitative and qualitative, as well as mixed-methods studies and (systematic) reviews, on major current challenges of health care and health services research. Topics include, for example, studies that address important health care issues, studies on the quality of interventions and processes in health care, analyses of differences between efficacy and effectiveness, positive examples of the effective implementation of evidence-based concepts in standard health care, as well as analyses of implementation barriers and supporting factors.

Submissions are encouraged in German and English anytime from October, 5th 2023. For the second issue of the journal, submissions will be accepted until December, 31st 2023. The maximum article length is 25 000 characters including spaces. Articles will be published open access and an open access fee of 1,250 € plus VAT (1487.50 € gross) will be charged. The price applies to the first two issues of the Journal. Special thanks to the Thieme-Verlag for the 50% discount of the regular fee for open access publications. For submissions please use the following website https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/gesu and enter “DNVF” as keyword in question 6.

The Chairman of the DNVF, Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Hoffmann and the Editor in Chief, Prof. Dr. Jochen Schmitt cordially invite you to strengthen the international anchoring and awareness of German health services research and to submit suitable manuscripts!

Kind regards

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