

Additional file 2. CHERRIES checklist

Checklist for Reporting Results of Internet E-Surveys (CHERRIES; Eysenbach G. J Med Internet Res. 2004;6:e34). Manuscript: Adoption of, attitudes towards, and perceived challenges of digital health in hospice and palliative care among professionals in Germany: a national cross-sectional web-based survey.

Item category	Checklist item	Reported in (section)
Design	Describe survey design	Section 2.1 (national cross-sectional web-based survey); Section 2.2 (target population: all DGP members)
IRB approval and informed consent process	IRB approval	Section 2.8 (Ethics Committee RWTH Aachen, EK-24-032)
	Informed consent	Sections 2.5 and 2.8 (information and consent screen; proceeding = consent)
	Data protection	Sections 2.5 and 2.8 (anonymous; no IP addresses stored; GDPR-compliant platform; HTTPS; servers in Germany)
Development and pre-testing	Development and testing	Section 2.3 (qualitative exploratory phase; literature; validated instrument; consensus in working group; pilot test within research team)
Recruitment process and description of the sample having access to the questionnaire	Open survey versus closed survey	Section 2.5 (closed: invitation via DGP mailing list and at DGP congress; link not personalized)
	Contact mode	Section 2.5 (email invitation; in-person invitation at congress)
	Advertising the survey	Section 2.5 (invitation email with study description; reminder after three weeks; congress)
Survey administration	Web/E-mail	Section 2.5 (web-based questionnaire on SoSci Survey; invitation by email)
	Context	Section 2.5 (DGP member mailing list; DGP congress 2024)
	Mandatory/voluntary	Section 2.2 and 2.5 (voluntary)
	Incentives	Section 2.5 (none)
	Time/date	Section 2.5 (15 August to 28 September 2024)
	Randomization of items or questionnaires	Section 2.5 (no randomization)
	Adaptive questioning	Section 2.5 (adaptive logic for follow-up items)
	Number of items	Section 2.4 (approx. 50 items excluding sub-items)
	Number of screens (pages)	Section 2.4 (seven screens)
	Completeness check	Section 2.5 (mandatory items with "no answer" option; completeness checks before proceeding)
	Review step	Section 2.5 (backward navigation to review or change answers)
Response rates	Unique site visitor	Section 3.1 (survey sessions; cookies prevented repeated submissions from the same browser)

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	View rate (ratio of unique survey visitors/unique site visitors)	Section 3.1 (not available; participation rate 10.9% relative to invitees reported)
	Participation rate (ratio of unique visitors who agreed to participate/unique first survey page visitors)	Section 3.1 (702 started; 10.9% of invitees)
	Completion rate (ratio of users who finished the survey/users who agreed to participate)	Section 3.1 (618/702 = 88.0%)
Preventing multiple entries from the same individual	Cookies used	Section 2.5 (cookies to prevent multiple submissions from the same browser session)
	IP check	Section 2.5 (IP addresses not stored; no IP check)
	Log file analysis	Section 2.6 (no duplicate entries identified)
	Registration	Section 2.5 (no registration, passwords, or access codes; congress respondents asked whether they had already participated)
Analysis	Handling of incomplete questionnaires	Section 2.6 (incomplete submissions excluded; completion defined by timestamps; 84 excluded, Section 3.1)
	Questionnaires submitted with an atypical timestamp	Section 2.6 (timestamps used to define completion; no exclusion based on completion time)
	Statistical correction	Section 2.6 (no weighting or propensity adjustment); Sections 2.7 and 3.2 (representativeness assessed)